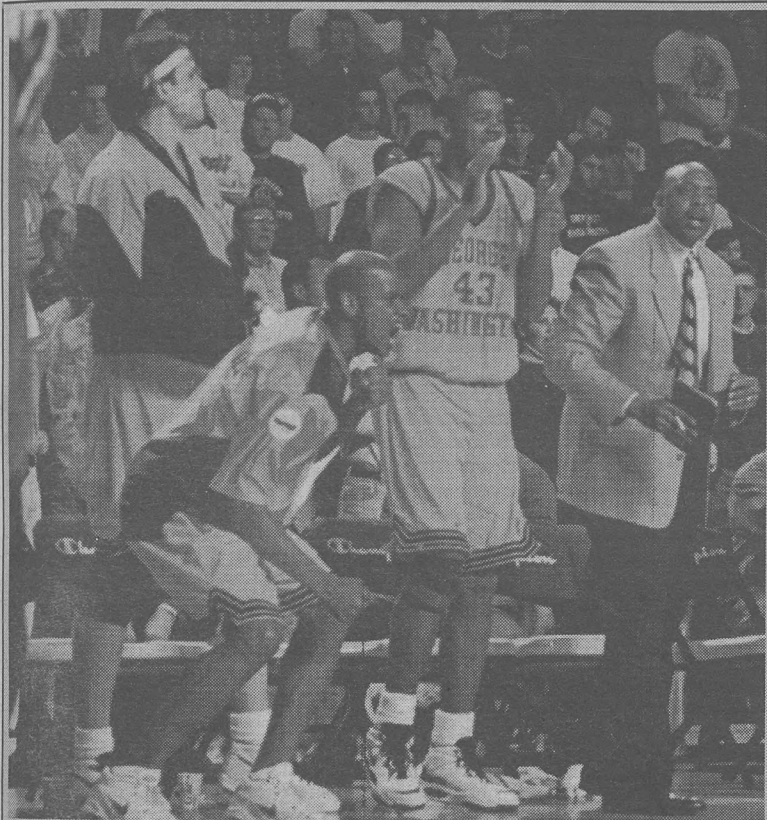


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GW's Alexander Koul, Seco Camara, Ferdinand Williams and assistant coach Kevin Clark celebrate the team's win over #1 UMass.

Déjà vu: Colonials top #1 UMass again

GW ejects Calipari's dream of undefeated season

BY JIM GERAGHTY
SPORTS EDITOR

The GW Colonials just can't lose in the Mullins Center.

For the second time in as many years, the Colonials once again dethroned the Massachusetts Minutemen from first-in-the-nation status with an 86-76 upset.

GW toppled the only undefeated team in Division I basketball in thoroughly convincing fashion. UMass never looked like the top team in basketball and was forced to play catch-up all day.

"We wanted to come out and play harder than the team that plays harder than any team in the country," GW head coach Mike

Jarvis told The Washington Post. "George Washington beat our brains in," Massachusetts head coach John Calipari said.

Calipari did not even get to watch much of the brain-beating court-side. Officials ejected Calipari from the game 10 minutes into the first half after he received his second technical foul. Assistant coach James "Bruiser" Flint took over the head coaching duties. He also received a technical foul with 17 seconds remaining in the first half.

The Minutemen have a record of 37-5 in their last 42 games, and GW accounts for three of those five



J.J. Brade

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Diner faces restricted hours ARAMark proposes sweeping food service changes

BY MATTHEW KWAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW Dining Services is undergoing sweeping changes involving J Street Diner hours and potential provisions in the food service contract, according to director of the SA Dining Service Commission Jonathan Pompan.

The Diner will now close at midnight seven days a week, ending its weekend round-the-clock service. Viva Java and J Street Express will close at midnight everyday except Sunday, when it will close at 11 p.m.

Al Ingle, associate vice president for business affairs, and Nancy Haaga, director of auxiliary and institutional services, who were directly involved in the decision to cut the Diner's hours, were unavailable for comment.

Pompan said that at a meeting Friday between the Dining Service Commission and representatives from the University and ARAMark Inc., Dining Services attributed its decision to end 24-hour service to heavy financial losses during the midnight to 7 a.m. period.

Executive Director of the Office of Campus Life LeNorman Strong said the change was a "matter of real concern for everybody." He said the Diner's 24-hour service "provided an alternative, safe and high quality place for students to meet after coming from on- or off-campus weekend events."

Strong added that auxiliary and institutional services had "demonstrated excellently that the loss was here because there was not enough business during the late night hours."

Pompan said the DSC offered recommendations to the Dining Service for increased marketing of the Diner's 24-hour services, but they were "largely ignored." He added that "the students need a safe and affordable place to eat late at night."

According to Pompan, contract discussions between the University and ARAMark for the next

academic school year involve many changes proposed by the food service provider. These proposals include reopening Colonial Commons with an "all-you-can-eat option" and converting the Thurston Hall Cafeteria to a "mini J-Street" with a coffee/bakery section, a grill and a salad/sub component, Pompan said.

Pompan added that other potential provisions in the contract would restrict meal equivalencies to the Colonial Commons and the Thurston Hall dining facility. The J Street facility, the soon to be opened Itza Pizza and the MC Store will only accept points and cash payment.

Pompan added that the contract also contained potential provisions that would place time limitations on when off-campus points partners could be used.

Pompan said "the facility changes would be a step in the right direction," but the potential restrictions on meal equivalencies and limitations on off-campus points partners "would be a big mistake."

In reference to the potential elimination of meal equivalencies at J Street, Strong said the "total food service plan at GW is one of the most generous and flexible in the country."

But "the flexibility affects the finances," Strong added.

Vice President of Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak said "the current contract provisions raise some questions." Chernak added that he was concerned with accommodating students' needs. The University welcomes student input in decisions that directly affect students, Chernak said.

"We (the Student Association) would like as much flexibility for the students as possible," SA President Mark Reynolds said. "But the Dining Services also needs to break even. We have to find a compromise between what is good for the students and the University as a whole."

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Engineers stage egg olympics

BY ANDREA ARNOLD
HATCHET REPORTER

How do you want your eggs - scrambled, fried or dropped from the seventh floor of the Academic Center? Only the last choice can provide you with an unbroken egg.

Competing in the "engineering olympics," students designed containers to protect eggs from breaking after dropping them from the seventh floor of the Academic Center. At noon Friday, the eggs were dropped. This was just one of several events students organized for Engineers' Week, Feb. 20-25.

"The egg must be as light as possible and drop as fast as possible," Professor Douglas Jones said. "Time is very critical because it's squared." An average is taken from three different timers. "The minimum is just over two seconds (about 2.17 seconds)," Jones said.

"I'm the drop master," he added.

One container was made with a pizza dough base. "When it crashes, it (the pizza dough) will absorb the energy of the impact," said GW



photo by Nora Giesel

Engineering professor Douglas Jones prepares to drop an egg from the seventh floor of the Academic Center Friday during the 'engineering olympics.'

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Talkin' loud and sayin' nothing

All about eggs, engineers and a little thing we got here

We got a little thing here we like to call George Washington University basketball.

Saturday's dominating performance against former No. 1 UMass did more than erase painful memories of last week's debacle at La Salle, it had the whole campus apologizing like Barry White:

"Baby, I'm so, so sorry. You know, sometimes we don't know someone as well as we think. And we really love someone so much that it, that it hurts, baby, when things don't go so well. But damn, sugar, when I saw

you lookin' so good on Saturday I realized what a fool I've been"

This was, in order, my Saturday:

I find out that my big brother and his wife have become the proud parents of a brilliant and beautiful little girl.

I have a celebratory drink. I watch GW beat UMass.



David Larimer

I have more celebratory drinks. I listen to SA candidates at an endorsement hearing for five hours.

I drink to forget. After a day like Saturday, I have exactly three brain

cells left, each one fighting it out for dominance. I like to call them Wacky, Hungry and Sleepy.

Wacky tells me it's time for a seamless segue-way.

There's nothing like dropping things from great heights. Personally, I've dropped eggs, fruits, vegetables, cups, cans, bottles, glasses, signs, toys, weaklings, you name it. But can't say I've ever done it with a cash prize at stake.

That's exactly what the GW chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Engineers' Council allowed 28 lucky students to do Friday afternoon. For a first prize of \$100, competitors designed structures that would allow a raw egg to be dropped from the seventh floor of the Academic Center and have it hit a target without breaking.

Personally, I was a bit disappointed that breaking the egg was considered a bad thing. I would like to see a contest where engineers recruit big strong people to throw raw eggs from the seventh floor of the Academic Center and have them hit as many innocent bystanders as possible. But then I guess that's why I'm not an engineering major.

All structures had to meet strict weight and dimension criteria in order to compete, then score as low as possible in order to win, according to Alex Rosenheim, chair of Engineers' Week (a whole plethora of similar events, my favorite being the cement Frisbee contest, which makes me wonder, how does this affect the teeth of the little dogs that try to catch them?).

The scoring formula for the egg drop contest, for those of you scoring at home, is as follows:

$$\text{WIN} = W^{1/3} \times T^2 \times (A + 20)^{1/2}$$

$$\times (R + 10)^{1/2}$$

I would explain this to you, but when Alex tried to explain it to me, I blacked out and started to drool.

Hungry here. I think I'll order a delicious New Orleans-style red chicken salad from Armand's Chicago Pizzeria.*

Even though I was in the company of people much, much smarter than myself at the egg drop contest, I wasn't fazed. I stood there for a full hour, simply enjoying the steady beat of splats and thuds.

And I discovered that the engineering students weren't that much better at handicapping the entries.

"This one'll do well," Rosenheim said at one point, admiring a sleek, compact conglomeration of PVC pipe and duct tape. Splat.

Of course, there also was contestant Ben Lewit, who is smarter than my entire home state. He tried to explain his rousingly successful structure to me.

At first he guided me along slowly, explaining the structure's construction and admitting that he had just built it that morning. Then, since he was fresh from a success, he got excited, talking about carbon kevlar and God knows what else while I picked my nose like a dork and hee-hawed, "Gaw-lee! That one done splatted real good!"

This is Sleepy speaking. Wacky is exhausted from thinking about eggs, and Hungry is off looking for eggs to eat. It's time for bed. I think I'll fall asleep to a tape of the GW-UMass game. Then maybe I'll skip class tomorrow.

* Paid for by Armand's Chicago pizzeria, "because D.C.-style pizza doesn't exist."

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MCGB offers Marvin Center 'wish list'

BY LEE RUMBARGER
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Marvin Center Governing Board has submitted its recommendations for a "more attractive, easier to use" Marvin Center, Governing Board Chair Chris Ferguson said.

The building will have a revamped heating and ventilation system and will be tailored to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, but the Governing Board hopes improvements may extend to make the building "what students really need out of a student union," said Jonathan Pompan, Student Association representative to the MCGB.

"Two weeks ago the Marvin Center turned 25 (years old). It is time to take a strong step forward and renovate," he said.

The University has "limited resources and unlimited needs," Ferguson said, pointing to a new residence hall, a new academic building and a health and wellness center as construction plans taking precedent over massive renovations to the Marvin Center.

The Governing Board created a "realistic wish list," Ferguson said.

Changes suggested include making the ground floor a "livelier" shopping concourse, both aesthetically and by bringing in additional vendors, Ferguson said.

Designated space for student entrepreneurs and a glass bubble for a radio broadcast facility were also advocated, Pompan said.

Also making the Governing

Board's list of proposals were more attractive lobbies on each floor, splashed with GW colors and artwork. In addition, the Board recommended improving the lighting and acoustics in the ballroom, creating a fourth floor resource center equipped with copier, fax and computer terminals for student organization and conference use and wiring the building for computer hook-ups.

In the short term, the classrooms on the fifth floor will remain as they are, but Pompan said eventually the former George's area may become a sports bar-like facility.

Additionally, as GW ID cards are converted to the One Card - usable in copiers, vending machines and laundry facilities - a One Card office will be needed and may be located on the fifth floor.

Architectural improvements were recommended for the H St. entrance, as it has become the dominate student entrance to the building, Pompan said. "The list of recommendations extends to each floor, the entire building and the exterior of the building," Pompan explained.

Ferguson stressed that the process is just now beginning and there is "no definitive word" on the budget for Marvin Center improvements.

"Students have their classrooms, places of residence, Gelman and the Marvin Center - it is truly the community center of campus," Pompan said, explaining the importance of the improvements.

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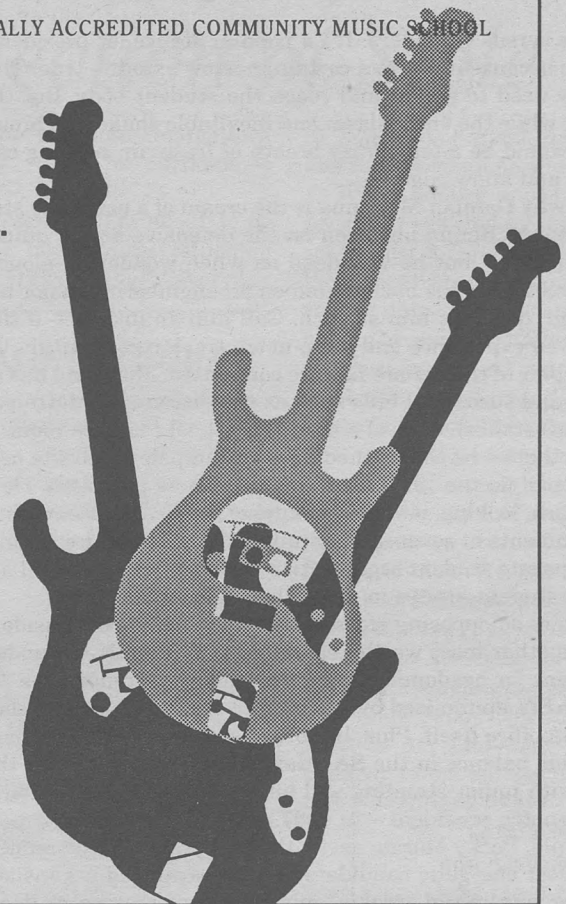
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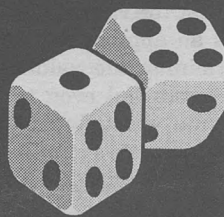
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McKenna for president

Insiders versus Outsiders. It's a popular stance for presidential hopefuls to take because it is – to a certain, narrow extent – true. The SA does desperately need to go out and reach the student body. But the bottom line is this: while the enthusiasm and inevitable shake-ups brought by an "outsider" would be a temporary breath of fresh air, nothing can replace experience and knowledge.

That is why Damian McKenna is the cream of a generally strong presidential crop. McKenna has been on the defensive as the quintessential "career politician," but he was dead on when wondering aloud how one year in the SA, plus his background as an engineering major and fraternity member, qualifies him as such. Call him an insider – if that means he has proven experience and a top-notch track record within the SA.

As the chair of the Senate finance committee, McKenna has sponsored innovative and successful bills such as the discounted Metro pass initiative and the establishment of a graduate school resource room. His ideas do not stop there – he established his own campaign web site in two days, proving he can do the same for the entire SA as president. He has done his homework, looking at ways to improve the SA by researching the student governments at several other universities. He is already planning to create a separate student organization resource room, as well as a guidebook to aid student groups in using their allocations.

Two others on opposing sides of the much-ballyhooed insider/outsider line are the other most worthy candidates. Elizabeth Alexander, the SA vice president for academic affairs, convincingly argues for a "change of tone" in the SA, epitomized by her plan to make a student resource room out of the SA office itself. Plus, her broad support provides hope for a true inside/outside balance in the SA. Alexander, who has argued that an SA president with junior standing will have increased accountability, would make a top-notch president – in 1997.

Meanwhile, Packy Moran, easily the most viable of the renegades, has to be the most energetic candidate. His unparalleled enthusiasm would make up for any initial "rookie" mistakes that may occur. He hopes to increase the SA's presence among off-campus students and is the only candidate to cite cable in the dorms as an educational tool, not just a luxury. But despite his energy, Moran would have to spend a good portion of his administration simply trying to learn the ropes.

The field drops off from there. Margaret Burke, another who touts herself as an "average student," has plenty of ideas and effectively targets freshmen. But she suffers from a lack of knowledge about the SA: one of her ideas – to make the student phone directory available on the GWIS system – is already in place. And David Burns' affable personality cannot hide a dearth of knowledge and concrete ideas.

EVP: coin toss

It is difficult to find two more different candidates than Shawn Stephens and Jeff Carroll. That is why it is almost impossible to definitively advocate one over the other in the race for executive vice president. It figures to be a neck-and-neck race of experience against energy.

No candidate demonstrates more knowledge or organizational skills than Stephens. As SA parliamentarian, Stephens knows the role of EVP inside and out and is the one candidate whose agenda does not seem to be that of a presidential hopeful. Most impressive is his desire for students to directly influence their senators, including helping students author their own bills. But while he does seem to appreciate others' visions, his admission that "the job of EVP is not an exciting one" disturbingly hints that he has no vision of his own. Furthermore, his reserved personality suggests that he could be yet another ghost-like presence in the SA.

As for Carroll, he offers several exciting plans to make the Senate more than "just a financial institution." These plans include increased Senate sponsorship of guest speakers and events, improving the test file through donation drives and direct work with professors and further expansion of the book exchange. But given this, why isn't Carroll running for president? Citing time constraints or personal friendships is not a good enough excuse. Plus, while Carroll's aggressiveness could shake things up in the Senate, it could also lead to chaos.

Dianne Gayoski is another deserving candidate. An SA senator, she is knowledgeable in both the role of EVP and how to work with the Senate. She aims to increase student-alumni networking and to increase every senator's responsibilities through specific side projects. But we question her ability to play the occasional "tough cop" role in leading the Senate, and EVP threatens to be just another of the outgoing Gayoski's many extracurricular involvements.

Finally, Jared Skok's platform is as trite as his campaign slogan, "Funk the system." He contradicts himself when saying that the EVP Bible, Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, is "out the window," then following it up by saying of the Senate, "If the wheel's not broke don't fix it." Skok is a presidential pretender masquerading as EVP.

The race comes down to Stephens and Carroll, two excellent, but very different, candidates. One has the specs; the other has the vision. The choice is yours.

Introductory English classes are podiums for P.C. fringe rants

The Female Man, by Joanna Russ, delves into an "interplanetary exploration of feminist inner space"; *Rubyfruit Jungle*, by Rita Mae Brown, examines the epic of Molly as she "loses her virginity to her girlfriend in the sixth grade"; *Racism 101*, by Nikki Giovanni, "contemplates the legacy of the '60s," and so on.

I read several of the titles from this reading list in my Women's Studies class. However, these "works" are examples of the required reading for many of the sections of either English 9, 10 or 11 – the basic, gut English classes required of many GW undergraduates.

People commonly criticize University funding of women's studies and other departments dedicated to the advancement of a particular ideological orientation; namely, that all of humanity's problems are traceable to "social constructs in the white, male, patriarchal, heterosexist, capitalist, phallogocentric conspiracy of oppression." I find the intellectual merit of such "programs" dubious at best, but they're rather entertaining.

Put simply, do vertically challenged lesbians and other individuals not deserve to be regarded with decency, caring and respect? Certainly they do. Does the use of freshman English classes as a medium for ideological proselytization typical of women's studies and African-American studies deserve respect? Certainly it does not.

English 10 includes Carol Gilligan's *In a Different Voice* praised as liberal "ammunition for personal and political attack." In bell hooks' *Outlaw Culture*, chapter titles include "Power to the Pussy"

and "We Don't Wannabe Dicks in Drag."

In *The Alchemy of Race and Rights*, Patricia J. Williams writes, "A pregnant woman trades in interests larger than the world of prisoners' rights. In having the fetus declared another person ... they enslave themselves to the state. They become partialized ... as a prostitute, becomes seen only as a 'cunt.'"

Nick Wilder

Trash, chapter one of which is entitled "The Lesbian Appetite," is valuable because author Dorothy Allison describes herself as a "cross-eyed, working-class lesbian addicted to violence" and refers to the three-year-old boy in her "alternative" family as a "turkey-baster bastard."

Melville, Shakespeare and Poe (scantly read in these classes), need to move over for this ideological vulgarity, so the argument goes, in order to permit certified minority writers a "voice." It is glaringly hypocritical to claim to reject racial prejudice and other stereotyping from one side of the mouth, and from the other maintain that the value of an author's work be determined by their race, gender or sexual orientation. Additionally, it is egregiously insulting to imply such is the level of intellectual achievement expected of minorities.

Even if you accept the proposition that the race, class, gender filter is an appropriate standard for determining the value of writing, the classes fail even to live up to this. You won't find black author Shelby Steele's *Content of our Character* in English 9, 10 or 11.

You won't find Christina Hoff Sommers' *Who Stole Feminism*. You won't find the writings of black author Thomas Sowell or Indian-American Dinesh D'Souza. You won't find anything from the Koran. You won't find anything from the Chinese *4 Books* and the *5 Classics*. You won't find anything from the Japanese *Tale of Genji*, by Lady Murasaki.

Authored by certified minorities, the above titles represent talented and in some cases brilliant writing. But they are excluded. What, then, distinguishes the included minority selections from the excluded minority selections in the English classes? The former encompass radical liberal ideology, the latter do not. Whose voice is consistently represented? The voice of smug, western, liberal ideologues. This is not diversity.

"An interplanetary exploration of feminist inner space"? Are these people kidding us? Believe it or not – whatever your sex, race, sexual orientation or nationality – what you and your families think matters, and you have the right to exercise at least two powers: voice and choice.

Professor Alan Charles Kors of the University of Pennsylvania put it best when he said, "If a University believes that its mission is to undertake the moral and political reformation of the racist, sexist, heterosexist, Eurocentric, and oppressive sons and daughters of American society, let them have the guts to put that on page 1 of their catalogue and see who wants to buy that product for \$29,000 a year."

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Friday for final voting results!

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OPINION

Silence in the Smithie

Coming soon to the Smith Center: No more chants of "defense" because you might hurt the other team's feelings by not rooting for the opposition to score.

I am a loyal GW basketball fan, and not a quiet one, I might add. I enjoy sitting in the stands and venting my frustration on those out on the court. That is the American way. However, before the Duquesne game on Wednesday, we were warned.

Warned that if we yelled at the opposing players we would be escorted out. Our few outbursts were quelled with threats from Smith Center officials. My usual chaotic seat behind the opposing team's bench was ruined.

The wife of the coach for the opposing team yelled at our players, the refs and even us. What did we do? We tried yelling at her, but were quickly threatened again. There we sat, a group of 20 college basketball fans stifled by a single, middle-aged, enthusiastic spectator for the enemy on our turf.

Whatever happened to home court advantage? GW is perfect at home and has lost five on the road. There is a reason for this and the fans are it. Now, I understand not

berating specific opposing team players. After all, they are amateur, non-compensated, student athletes.

But the refs? Let's be serious. If there is one thing that all sports fans all around this great country of ours love is telling the refs exactly what we think of their last call. I have been yelling at sports officials since little league. Yelling at a referee is as American as

washing down apple pie with a Budweiser on The Mall during the fireworks on the Fourth of July. The refs are paid and trained to deal with the fans, so let them.

Feb. 29th is our final home game. Come out to the Smith Center and cheer on our favorite people on the court, the refs. I suggest you let them know exactly how you feel on every call whether it be good or bad, but please, no obscenities.

If you are asked to stop, then I suggest telling the person who asked you to stop exactly what it was that prompted their asking. See you in the paddy-wagon.

-Todd J. Fine is a junior majoring in political science.

Todd J. Fine

Student Association is losing a leader with ejection of Siple

It is a rare occurrence in student politics that a candidate comes along who has attained both scholastic success and, more importantly, superior leadership ability. In the race for Colombian School senator such a person came along. His name is Adam Siple.

Not only is Adam dedicated to improving the quality of education, he genuinely cares about the well-being of his students. For him, taking on the responsibility of senator would be met with only the most sincere devotion to achieving his goals. Unfortunately for all the students at GW, we will be unable to witness Adam in action because he was wrongfully dismissed from the election.

(Editor's note: Adam Siple was disqualified by the JEC for missing a mandatory candidates' forum Tuesday. His appeal was rejected Friday.)

I want you all to know this because I think it is important that you do. Adam Siple is the hardest working student at GW. Every Tuesday through Thursday I awake at about five in the morning to the sounds of Adam leaving the

room as he heads to Georgetown University where he participates in the ROTC program.

Every night as I'm about to go to sleep I hear Adam returning from the study lounge. Everyday

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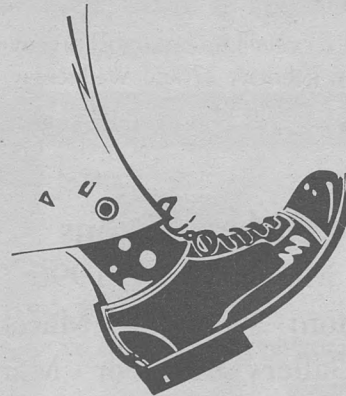
there are phone calls to our room for Adam. People ranging from ROTC to the RHA-sponsored Superdance (which he is co-chair of) to the Student Association are

in constant contact with Adam, seeking his opinions and comments

When Adam's appeal was cold-heartedly rejected by the JEC, this school lost a candidate that would have gone above and beyond the call of duty, a person willing and able to accept the challenges that a senator faces, and an all-around good guy. It is clearly doubtful whether the JEC had the authority to remove Adam from the ballot as they did. Whatever the case may be, his campaign is now in limbo as he awaits a verdict from the Student Court.

It is a shame and a blemish on the University that this should happen to someone like Adam. I hope that people who read this and who know Adam will stand up for what is fair and just. Pending a Student Court ruling, it may very well be too late to put Adam back on the ticket, but it is not too late to prevent this kind of mockery from ever taking place again.

-Jason Haber is a freshman majoring in political science.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clearing Q's name

To the best of my knowledge, members of The GW Hatchet attend University as well as community meetings (i.e., SA Senate as well as ANC meetings) while also covering student activities (i.e., the Foggy Bottom cleanup).

So how is it that this corporation is unaware of the enormous task that community relations representatives face ("Empty Cabinet," Feb. 22, p. 4)?

Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar has arguably filled a gap in the Student Association - and yes, he is not your average SA volunteer.

After working in an appointed position in the SA as a freshman, Q accepted the directorship of community relations. He has also worked continuously on the Program Board, this year coordinating the ambassador lecture series. So no, Q did not come from nowhere.

This year he has aided in the creation of the Community Circle Coalition as well as a District-wide Community Circle Coalition to aid all groups in community service. Obviously he is a busy man - he is also extremely effective and personable. There is no way that anyone may discredit him in any way.

Directorships are created yearly by SA presidents, and they change yearly to suit each president's agenda, often eliminating positions from the previous year to appear productive. This, in effect, means that next year the SA may ignore

the gap in the community relations field.

The referendum on the ballot would enable the community to rely on the SA's liaison with the students and University and vice-versa. Needs would be met that had previously lacked fulfillment. A bond would be established with community members that could not be aborted on a whim.

This is by no means Q's stab at creating his place in the SA. Q will always work with projects that need a champion or are not receiving attention. His key to success is energetic dedication - he believes in what he does and in himself. That is just how Q is.

In recent weeks we have heard much of SA bickering, so it is apparent that this position, given its importance, needs to be made permanent. A vice president of community affairs would be allotted monies to better service the community by funding projects.

A community that is beginning to be more responsive to change may be symbolic of the changing focus of many students who are becoming more community-oriented and more aware of civic responsibility. If anyone needs any kind of "symbolic comfort" they can look to the service-oriented groups on campus, from the D.C.-level CCC to the Neighbors' Project on a community level. In between there are groups who have community foci as well, from the Black Peoples' Union to the SA.

In the future I ask that you investigate the progress that has been made as well as the apparent needs of the students before you argue against an effective referendum or an effective person.

-Nerissa Whittington, freshman

Band on the run

Homecoming. A spectacular week of activities, capped by an extravagant affair at Union Station, inspiring Charter Day events and wins for our women's and men's basketball teams. Certainly a notch in the belt for GW's 1995-96 Program Board, and a production that chair Suzanne Dougherty could be proud of, right?

Apparently not, according to Dougherty's letter, "Still seeking spirit," in the Feb. 22 issue of The GW Hatchet (p. 4). Though her organization generated a smorgasbord of activities in which students could choose to participate, she focuses her energies on a pessimistic view of campus spirit and interdepartmental squabbling. Here we have a disgruntled student organization leader bemoaning what was not an unsuccessful event.

Her letter is specific enough to target a group she accuses of being uncooperative and negative, the GW band, and it is to this accusation that I take personal offense. If Ms. Dougherty chooses to attack an organization that is dedicated to promoting campus spirit throughout the year, she had better be aware of the implications that such

a message sends.

Contrary to popular belief, the GW band is much more than a basketball band and consequently assumes more responsibilities than a person like Ms. Dougherty has tried to understand. The Homecoming Week turned out to be extremely taxing for the members of our organization, beginning the previous weekend with pep band performances at home games against Temple on Feb. 3, UNC-Charlotte the following Monday and, two days later, Dayton and Xavier in a doubleheader - games that our basketball teams won.

During the same week, these same band members traded rubies for black tie and rehearsed intensely for the successful Charter Day concert in Lisner Auditorium.

Ms. Dougherty also alleges a commitment from the GW band to perform at the pep rally. We replied to Soraya Tabibi that a prior commitment to the Smith Center to arrive an hour and a half before the first game would not allow us to participate. I would sincerely doubt that the chair of the Program Board would think that our unavailability at her event was malicious in nature. On the other hand, her attempt to single out the GW band is damaging to our reputation.

I do not target Ms. Dougherty for a minor incident. More troubling to the GW band is that, as a student, her remarks reflect negative student feedback. Beginning with the unpopular decision not to allow the band to play the "Hey!"

song and, most recently, the introduction of CD music in games, the GW band's role in promoting school spirit has been diminished by external causes.

But our relationship with the student contingent has always been supportive, if not overwhelmingly positive. Because of the students, we continue to be a living, blaring, screaming, cheering and intrinsic part of what it means to attend a basketball game at the Smith Center. Dedicated fans know that we will play our alma mater at the end of every game, win or lose.

This year, our program has supported women's volleyball, attended every home basketball game for the men and women (even during the Blizzard of 1996), and, in the midst of midterms, will travel to both Blacksburg, Va., and Philadelphia to support in the conference tournaments the tremendous tradition that is GW basketball.

It is in this context that I hope Suzanne Dougherty can understand that our unavailability is not, as she suggests, common. Further, I disagree with her cynical realization that "creating widespread campus spirit here at GW borders on impossible." Indeed, in light of her group's spectacular efforts, a pessimistic view coming from the mouth of the Program Board chair is disheartening and disappointing.

-Alex Benjamin, assistant director of the GW band

D.C. students prepare for 'racism offensive'

BY MONIQUE L. HARDING
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Students gathered Thursday night in the Marvin Center to prepare for a day of action, just one part of SOAR, the Spring Offensive Against Racism.

The activities, slated for March

14, will address injustices facing minorities, especially African Americans and Latinos, including cutbacks in education, health, welfare, social security and social services as the Contract with America takes effect, organizers said. Other issues to be battled are academic racism and attempts to end affir-

mative action.

Washington area universities will participate in SOAR with student rallies beginning at 11 a.m. at GW, American, Georgetown, Howard, the University of Maryland at College Park and Morgan State University, as well as a joint rally at Union Station at

12:45 p.m. The rally may even march to Newt Gingrich's house, since he lives near Union Station.

Speakers at the Thursday night discussion included Progressive Liberation Party member Cleve Parmer, who is also a communist; Howard graduate student Cris Flack, an economics major and researcher for the Center for Urban Progress and Heinz Andreas, a psychiatrist from Germany.

Andreas spoke of the theories that undermine the black race and noted that "primitive" countries are called underdeveloped by the "western world," which is "civilized."

Andreas spoke of injustices faced by races because they do not "fit into the themes of western world," such as the German riots in 1904 and 1905 in which 60,000 people were murdered by forced starvation. He also said that Africans were "exterminated" by concentration camps. "Concentration camps originated in colonies, the British had them in Africa," Andreas said.

Other topics Andreas addressed were sterilization of the mentally handicapped, those with mental diseases and low IQs in 1905; how old theories just come back if other theories are not introduced; how

violent behavior is not inherited; social problems; colonialism and slavery; and the existence of one race — the human race.

Flack discussed how some schools will be shut down in California due to the day of action.

Parmer said it is time to "rejuvenate student activism," especially with the problems students must face such as racism and cutbacks on educational loans.

Parmer added that the solution is communism. With communism, he explained, everyone is equal and there is no room for racism and sexism. "Racism is necessary for capitalism to succeed. Racism will end after communism succeeds. Communism only succeeds if no other class is more privileged than another."

Parmer spoke of the civil rights activism of the 1960s and how his group put the Ku Klux Klan "back under its rock" and how the PLP had a "great effect in building multiracial unity."

GW sophomore Rusty Stahl announced that Georgetown will hold a discussion on Affirmative Action March 4. Howard will hold a discussion on Academic Racism March 7, and a film about feminist, civil rights and gay rights activist Audrey Lorde will be shown on campus March 6.

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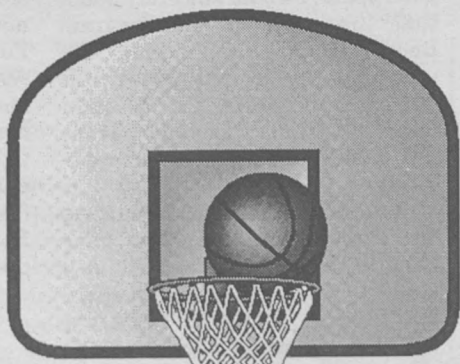
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Kalb panelists make predictions

BY JUDI MAHANEY
HATCHET REPORTER

The widening rift evident in the Republican party and Pat Buchanan's upset victory at the New Hampshire Republican Primary were the principle topics of discussion among the panelists at Friday's third installment of The Kalb Report: Campaign '96 series.

The four-part series, co-sponsored by GW and The National Press Club, is moderated by Marvin Kalb, director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University and a former CBS news correspondent.

The series features a rotating panel of well-known journalists, pollsters, scholars and politicians in a round-table discussion about the relationship of the press and politics within the context of the upcoming 1996 presidential campaigns and election.

Panelists at Friday's taping at the National Press Club were Christopher Arterton, dean of GW's Graduate School of Political Management; Robert Lichter, co-director of the Center for Media and Public Affairs; Susan Page, White House correspondent for USA Today; Daniel Schorr, senior news analyst for National Public Radio; Helen Thomas, White House correspondent for United Press International; Tony

Blankley, press secretary for Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich and Frank Fahrenkopf, co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates.

The focal point of the questions Kalb posed to the group was the apparent split in the Republican Party in nominating a candidate and how this would affect the upcoming election.

The panelists held mixed opinions on this issue. Many believed it was too early yet to predict where this predicament would lead the Republican party. It was generally agreed, however, that a split does exist within the party. As to how deep it is remained open to debate.

Page said a Buchanan nomination would mean almost certain victory for President Clinton, since Buchanan would alienate many moderate Republicans with his economic nationalism and his stand on conservative social issues.

Blankley predicted that come this fall, the Republican Party will once again unite around the issues central to the party, supporting their candidate and focusing on the differences between Bill Clinton and the Republicans rather than among one other.

Thomas said it will be difficult for the divided Republicans to overpower the president. Thomas based this belief on Clinton's mod-

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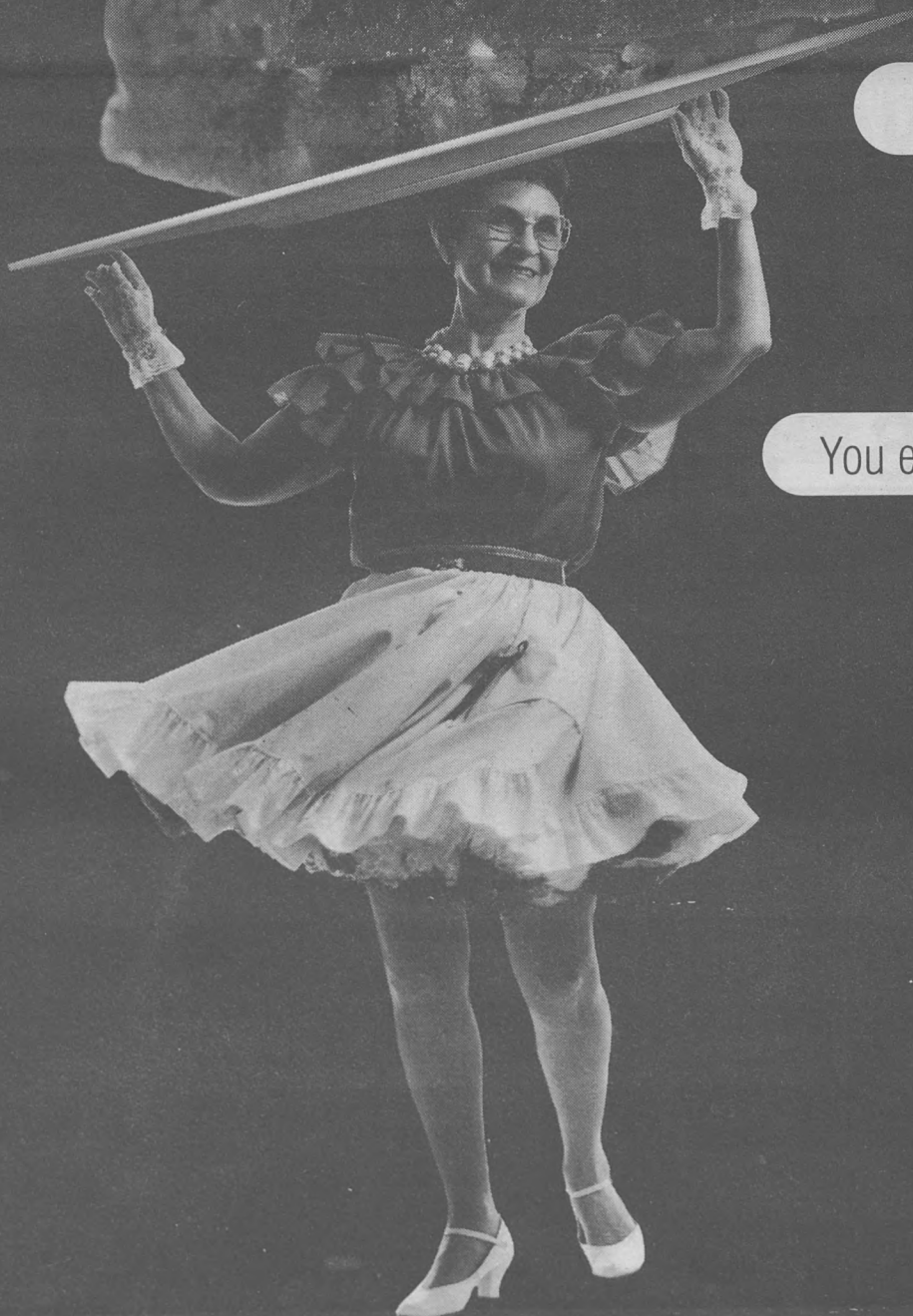
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Media discusses Republican troubles

(from p. 7)

erate stance on the issues. He poses no radical threat to the people and therefore does not scare them off, she said.

Blankley said Clinton "has done nothing as president," citing his only accomplishments as "gays in the military, a \$300 million tax increase and a failed health care plan."

The only way to guarantee Clinton's victory, it was generally agreed, would be to introduce a

third-party candidate. Schorr suggested Buchanan might take on that role should Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) be nominated.

This game of predictions, as the discussion drew toward its close, moved away from the not-so-distant future of this November to the presidential election in the year 2000, and beyond. Panelists mentioned Colin Powell seeking the vice president's seat and Gingrich eventually seeking the presidency.

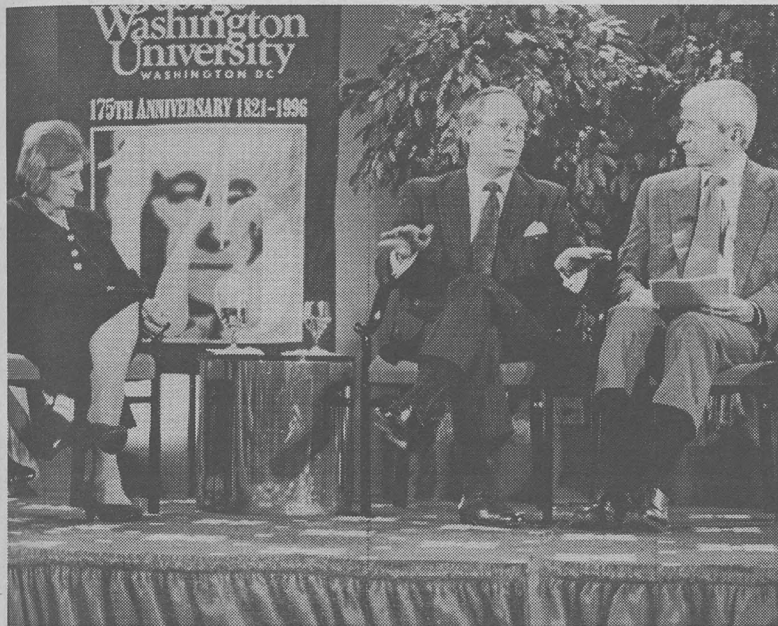


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Former CBS News correspondent Marvin Kalb poses a question to Frank Fahrenkopf, co-chair of the Commission on Presidential Debates, while United Press International White House Bureau Chief Helen Thomas looks on.

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Candidates disqualified, Alexander fined

The Joint Elections Committee has disqualified two senate candidates and nearly eliminated one presidential candidate from the ballot, JEC chair Andy Hamilton said.

Andy Norin and Adam Siple will not appear on the ballot in the campus-wide elections this week. Norin, who was a candidate for the Elliott School of International Affairs seat, was dismissed because he is on "judicial probation," which is against JEC rules.

Siple was eliminated because he failed to attend a mandatory JEC candidates forum, grounds for auto-

matic disqualification. Siple appealed his expulsion from the election, but after a hearing, he was denied the opportunity to continue in his race.

Elizabeth Alexander, a presidential candidate, was disqualified Friday after being fined 50 points for posting unapproved literature. But after an appeal, she was reinstated Saturday morning and fined only 30 points. A fine of 50 points results in automatic disqualification.

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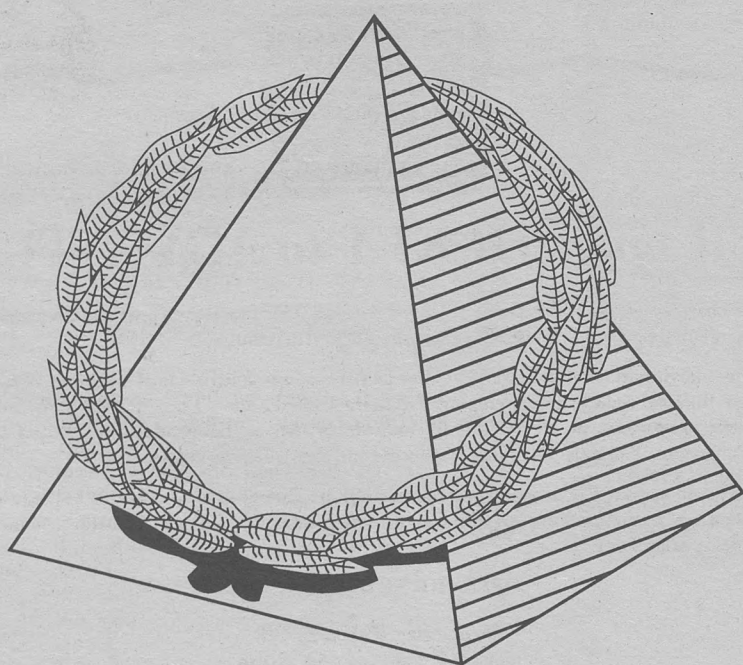
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Women's crew team capsizes in waves

BY ANNE MILLER
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Twenty-eight GW varsity crew team members and their coach found themselves in the chilly waters of the Potomac River Saturday morning after their boats capsized during practice.

Five students and the coach were hospitalized with minor injuries, including hypothermia and low blood pressure, then released.

The three boats and head coach Paul Wilkens' launch were swamped when three- to four-foot waves washed over the sides of the boats as the team was returning to the boathouse around 8 a.m.

Wilkens was not available to comment.

"It was a perfect day for rowing" when the team embarked on the river, crew team member MaryCate Buckley said. "But then the wind picked up."

"We made it through the bridges, then water started coming up over the gunwales," team member Jennifer Edwards said. "The coach asked the coxswain to start bailing ... she was throwing water out with her hands, but the water kept coming over the sides. We couldn't even move the boat it was so heavy. It was like weight-lifting. We looked over and the first boat was sinking and that's when we got scared."

The "Nike," Buckley's boat, went down first, and the rowers turned it over and floated on top until the boat started to split in two. The other two shells stayed intact, and the current helped push them ashore, where the team climbed the sea wall to safety.

Passersby stopped to help when they saw the team's predicament. "A lady walking by called the police from her cellular phone," said Edwards, "and someone else drove their van up and turned on the heat" so a few team members could huddle inside and get warm. An ambulance and a bus arrived on the scene, and the women were wrapped in blankets and sat around heaters in the bus.

The team members was also run through a battery of tests to make sure nothing was wrong with them. "We didn't have to swim for very long," Edwards said, but the water "was like 40 degrees." Buckley, like others on the team, "swallowed a lot of the Potomac."

"The most impressive thing," Edwards said, "is that there were (29) people in the water and we all came out OK. We handled the situation well."

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D.C. NEWS

Administrators speak out against Evans parking bill

BY ANNE M. GLENZER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

A GW administration official called a parking bill proposed by D.C. Councilmember Jack Evans (Ward 2), which would limit student parking privileges, "unthought-out" and a ploy for re-election, while higher education advocates in the city also vowed to oppose the bill.

The bill, which was proposed last June and is being considered by the Council's public works and environment committee, would repeal student reciprocity concerning District motor vehicle laws.

Under District law, people residing temporarily in the District for a specific reason — such as students, members of Congress and certain congressional and military employees — can obtain a reciprocity parking sticker that exempts them from regulations mandating motor vehicle inspection and registration, proper display of identification tags and licensing of vehicle owners and operators.

Evans' proposal, called the "Residential Parking Improvement Act of 1995," eliminates reciprocity for students and maintains it for other qualified individuals.

"Let's face it, Evans is running for re-election," said Dwight Cropp, GW's associate vice president for governmental affairs. The bill serves to appease voters and show them Evans is concerned about their issues, he explained.

A staff member in Evans' office denied Cropp's allegations, saying the bill is intended to alleviate traffic and parking congestion in neighborhoods such as Foggy Bottom and Georgetown. She admitted, however, that student concerns were not considered when the bill was drafted.

Opponents of the legislation claim the bill's passage could affect students' home state residency status. Mary Catherine Kohler, director of government and community relations for the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area, said that because residency requirements vary from state to state, it is unclear how many students would be affected of the nearly 4,200 that apply each year for reciprocity stickers.

If a student's state residency status is affected, their voting rights and state financial aid could also be put in jeopardy. In testimony to a D.C. Council committee, the

Consortium claimed out-of-state students were awarded about \$1 million in state student financial aid from their home states last academic year.

Cropp, who serves as GW's representative to the Consortium's legislative affairs group, also said the tax burden on students could be doubled under the new proposal.

In most states, each time a vehicle is registered, the operator pays an excise tax — in the District, this tax is either 6 or 7 percent of the vehicle's value. If reciprocity is rescinded, students would need to re-register their vehicles, doubling their tax.

"The problem becomes more difficult when the (student's) parents own the vehicle," Kohler said. According to the D.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, drivers must submit a valid title or lease, insurance policy and proof of residency to register the vehicle. These documents must indicate the driver's name and address. If a student's parents own the vehicle, the parents' name will be on the information.

Craig Pascal, general counsel to the public works committee, said the committee and Department of Public Works (DPW) are reviewing

Student parking costs

Under current student reciprocity policy:

Residential parking permit: \$10/year

Reciprocity sticker: \$125/year

Under proposed elimination of reciprocity:

Residential parking permit*: \$10/year

District driver's license: \$20

Vehicle Registration:

Title: \$20

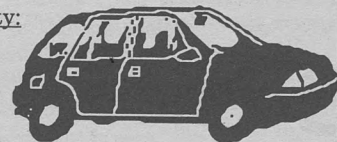
Lien recording: \$15 each, if applicable

Inspection: \$10

License fee: Depends on type and weight of vehicle

Excise tax: 6 to 7 percent of vehicle value, as determined by vehicle weight

*To obtain a residential parking permit, drivers must provide proof of District vehicle registration and driver's license.



Source: District of Columbia Division of Motor Vehicles

whether the proposal will reduce parking and traffic congestion in residential areas, as well as how other jurisdictions handle student vehicle reciprocity.

In addition, DPW is drafting a cost analysis of the proposed legislation. There is speculation as to whether the District will be able to afford the bill's administration, Kohler said.

"We're trying to address residents' concerns," Pascal said, adding he is unsure passing this legislation is the way to do it. If students can afford to have a car, they will probably be able to afford to re-register in the District, he said, so the number of cars in the neighborhood will not significantly decrease.

He also said the committee will consider how students would deal with vehicle laws when they return to their home states during the summer. There could be a problem if students are required to change their registration every time they return home or come back to school, he said.

Pascal said he does not know if and when the bill will reach the full Council.

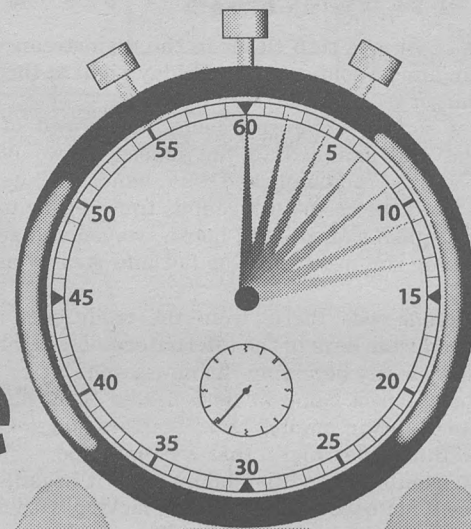
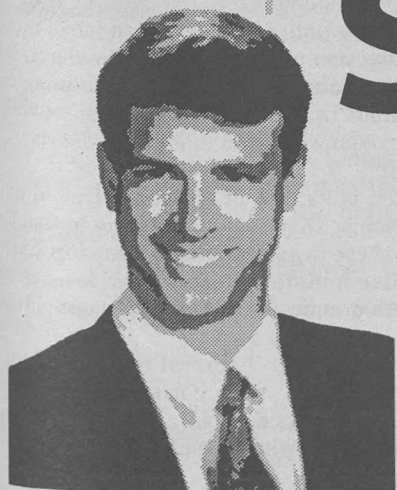
Evans' staffer said "discouraging students from bringing cars" to school and parking them in residential areas could loosen the congestion.

She claimed the legislation is not a "vendetta" against students. But she added, "If bringing a car here is a problem for students, why is it the District's problem?"

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Streep's movie looks good Before you see it, not After

BY TRYG OLSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Before and After (Hollywood Pictures) is a movie with a lot of potential.

Meryl Streep is a small town doctor, like the one she plays so well in *The Bridges of Madison County*. Liam Neeson, one of the stars of Steven Spielberg's acclaimed *Schindler's List*, plays her husband, Edward Furlong, who stole the show from Arnold Schwarzenegger in *Terminator 2*, plays their son.

Unfortunately, with all the places the film can go, it goes nowhere. There is no real plot, and the so-called "mystery" is revealed an hour into the movie.

So goes *Before and After*, a movie no one should ever go see.

Streep plays Dr. Caroline Ryan, a pediatrician somewhere in rural Massachusetts. Her husband Ben is a famous artist who sculpts metal in his barn. Their children,

Jacob (Furlong) and Judith (played well by Julia Weldon), round off the normal, average family living in a \$3 million house with a three-car garage.

One calm night, the Sheriff comes looking for Jacob. Turns out Jacob has a girlfriend he didn't tell Mom and Dad about. Turns out she's dead, and Jacob was the last person to see her alive. Ben says the Sheriff can't talk to his son without a warrant.

Trouble is, where's Jacob?

His car is in the garage, but the boy is missing. Ben decides to check out what's in the car for clues to Ben's whereabouts. In the trunk, he finds a bloody tire jack and a bloody glove (I'll spare you from any O.J. jokes).

Ben decides to do the protective dad thing and burns the gloves. He also integrates the tire iron into one of his sculptures. But Jacob's still missing.

When Ben tells Caroline about

what he did, she goes nuts (in any scene they have together, the only thing Streep and Neeson do is fight). She worries Ben has destroyed evidence that would prove Jacob innocent. Huh?

And still, where is Jacob? The Ryans keep getting postcards from all over the country from him. It turns out Jacob is holed up in Boston at a friend's place. He finally goes back to the sleepy New England town to his now-dysfunctional family.

Only trouble is he now refuses to speak.

When Jacob finally talks again, he tells what really happened to his girlfriend — halfway through the movie. Yes, the secret of *Before and After* is revealed halfway through the movie.

After hearing the truth, the Ryans change their story, and the men lie to their lawyer (Alfred Molina in a totally forgettable role). The women want to tell the



Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson, in a rare moment of clarity in *Before and After*.

truth, but Ben won't let them. He practically won't even let them talk.

In the most ironic line of a movie this year, Neeson says to his son, "What, do you think I'm just a big bully who always has to get my way?" After he said this, half the theater shouted "YES!"

Before and After should have been really good. Directed by

Barbet Schroder (*Single White Female*) and written by Ted Tally (*The Silence of the Lambs*), this movie has no shortage of talent. What it does have is a shortage of people caring about it.

The last line of the film is Molina talking to Streep. He says, "Are you happy now?" Your answer will be "Yes," because the movie is over.

Ska goes almost mainstream with Toasters at 9:30 Club

BY MATT STUMPF
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Ska took one step closer to the mainstream with an almost sold-out show Friday night at the new, larger 9:30 Club.

In a sort of organized chaos, the crowd of 800 bounced and skanked to the music of two of the nation's most accomplished ska bands. While the bands filled the room with sounds from reggae to old-school English ska, the full house swayed and sweat-ed, making the new venue as hot and steamy as the old club.

Everyone was there, from the traditional skin-heads and rude boys to the alternaten posers. Ska, it seems, is swiftly becoming the new scene.

"When I first came in here, I said 'This place is going to be fuckin' empty,'" said Toasters' singer Coolio Ranks. But Friday night, that was not to be.

The evening ended five hours after it began, with the crowd not once missing a beat, moving with equal enthusiasm to each band, giving off as much energy as it possibly could. The scene was astonishing for any regular ska listener: a large auditorium packed by eager fans.

While record companies say they have no way to market ska, the genre's recent popularity seems to show ska is on the verge of becoming the "next big thing." Certainly, Friday's show was nothing short of legendary in the annals of ska.

The Toasters, with an array of ska, reggae, rap and jazz, hit the stage with a boldness and a rhythmic sense worthy of any professional jazz group, adding ska stylings to produce the most potent sounds.

On the instrumental cover of "A Night in Tunisia," trumpet player Sledge made the 9:30 boil with ska-jazz that would have made Dizzy Gillespie smile. On other songs, Sledge continued with the same passionate, focused, full, bright sound. The trombonist and saxophone player joined in to produce an amazing blend, making the Toasters sound like a full 16-piece jazz band at times.

As they pushed out an enormous sound, the rhythm section kept the crowd and the band going, providing a pedestal for this wide-open horn sound. Working between horn hits, the bass, guitar, drums and Ranks' Jamaican-style rapping added a sense of something new, a new ska flavoring.

Before them, Boston's Bim Skala Bim took the stage for an awesome hour of music. Leaning more toward an old-school approach to ska, Bim Skala Bim nevertheless refused to be boring, as they moved through an electrically charged set of drum- and trombone-oriented set. They also lifted the crowd, too entranced not to move, into fits of dancing and jumping. As the music filled the room, there did not seem to be one person able to resist the sound of this band.

Also talented, but slightly less interesting, was local band the Skunks, an almost carbon-copy of 1970s and '80s English ska bands. They are skilled, but instead of constantly redefining the genre as the Toasters do, they are content writing songs that have seemingly already been written. Lacking much originality, the band is saved by an excellent horn section, complete with a clarinet, and a charismatic lead singer.

Ska is not only growing into a veritable scene in Washington, it is seeing similar growth across the nation. A new release by Perfect Thyroid, one of the most versatile and talented ska-oriented bands, *Which One Of Us Is Me?* (SkunkJam) shows ska/funk at its best.

This Stone Ridge, N.Y., group is perhaps the nation's best unsigned band. With its original mix of ska, funk and straight-forward rock, the group has put out one of this year's most exciting releases.

This, the second CD release after 1993's *Kiss the Mammoth and Run* (SkunkJam), is the high point in this band's career, the album that should attract much major label interest. The album's first two songs, "Right Ground" and "Together," are classic Thyroid songs which use perfectly-written and arranged horn riffs.

These alternate with lead singer Chris Hanson's voice to produce an exciting call for equality and togetherness, which the band devotes much of its time and energy to.

In an equally political tone, the band attacks Rush Limbaugh in the song "R.U.S.H." and General Electric's "satanic" activities in "The General." But not all is serious. In "Thirsty," Hanson evokes upstate New York forest imagery in a hilarious cartoonish adventure. In "Car Crash," he mocks bad driving.

This is a band that could go far, if given the attention it deserves. After three years touring the Northeast, its time has come.

Air Liquide masters electronics to give natural feel to music

BY CHRIS PETERSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

So you thought electronic music was just for dance clubs? With the Sm:le Communications release of Air Liquide's *Red and Black*, electronic music continues to expand and develop itself.

Jammin Unit and Walker are the duo who make up Air Liquide, but it's Walker who started it all. He was schooled in electronic composition at the University of Cologne, but in the following years grew tired of producing pop and hip house records. He teamed up with Jammin Unit to let his avant tastes explode. Their philosophy is to use machines to make music, but not to get used by them.

Red is a collection of fast, trancey tunes, while *Black* is more dark and ambient. In terms of composition, *Black* is the more interesting of the two. It's not as sparse as many ambient albums, containing a huge variety of rhythms. From the slow melodies of "Negative Saucers" to the trancey vibe of "Time Code #3," it's the variety of this album that makes you feel either chilled out or fired up.

Another great part of *Black* is that several of the beats are much more organic-sounding than many other electronic sounds, giving them more of a live feel. In fact, the first song on the album was recorded live at the Love Parade in 1994.

A bit of an outer space theme pervades the album, from the spoken introduction to "Negative Saucers" and song titles such as "Breaking the Surface Barrier," "They Are Watching You" and "Auroral Belt." But similar to much ambient music, a specific subject is missing from the songs. The meaning is left up to the listener.

Air Liquide's subtle use of samples and words do a good job of nudging the listener in the general direction of what the song is about, but the sheer other-worldliness of the sounds leave much to the imagination. "Auroral Belt" uses a sample that sounds like it's somewhere between an animal noise and a spoken word. You must hear the way it's dropped into the beat to believe it.

The only criticism of the album is its lack of structure. Due in part to the avant-garde nature of the songs, they sometimes seem to wander, lacking a specific direction. But these songs can't be listened to in the same way someone listens to a three-minute pop song. Their loose structures are part of what makes them unique, even if it takes some getting used to.

Check out the tribal feel of the drums on "Auroral Belt" and decide if Air Liquide has accomplished its mission of using machines instead of being used by them. The variety, moodiness and plain catchiness of this album makes it a great choice for those who haven't heard much and those who can't get enough.

SPOTLIGHT

Clair shares her past stories

GW prof. reads excerpts from her new book, Rattlebone

BY ERIN McLAUGHLIN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

"Coming of age is about losing some innocence, but it is also about developing personal morality," Maxine Clair says. And she should know, since Clair, an assistant professor of English at GW, is one of the featured writers of *Coming of Age*, a series sponsored by the National Museum of Women in the Arts Belle Lettres Reading.

Friday night, Clair read aloud a chapter of her award-winning book *Rattlebone* entitled "A Most Serene Girl." Since the book has been in print for some time and Clair has completed her book tour, she says she is beginning to read aloud different, more revealing parts of the book than she had in the past.

The story revolves around Irene, "a girl who is attempting to become a young woman," Clair describes. The setting of growing up in Kansas in the 1950s is shared by Clair herself, who admits the book is semi-autobiographical. Clair says, "Memory and imagination are very close together" when participating in the creative process of writing.

While growing up, Irene is supported by many institutions such as her school, neighbors and church, which often provide inter-

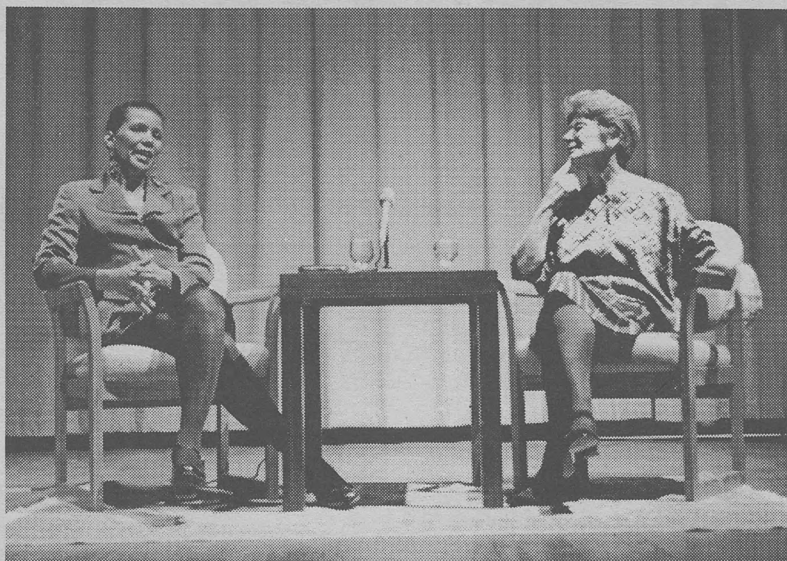


photo by Claire Duggan

Maxine Clair (left) discusses her latest novel, *Rattlebone*.

esting characters for subplots of the novel.

The story is powerful, vividly described, colorful and symbolic.

Clair says part of the reason she writes is "to extend to you. To say, 'Do you understand? Is this like your life?'"

The voices of the story, Clair says, are "all of my girlfriends," and the language and dialect are "like the first 18 years of my life."

Clair points to one of her most direct influences as the music her

mother played. "Gospel piano and some blues — although not very often because she was a church woman."

In books as well as in music "rhythm is very important to me," Clair says.

Clair is on sabbatical from GW and is working on her next novel, although she says it is "too early to share." Clair does say "the real payoff is the process," which she conducts with a yellow legal pad beside her bed.

The best — and worst — pizza in D.C.

BY ANGELIQUE REWERS
HATCHET REPORTER

Eating J Street food everyday for a semester doesn't give you heartburn, trying to find a good pizza in the District will.

Though there is not a shortage of pizza joints that deliver to GW's campus, finding one that comes through with a hot, delicious pie is tough.

After a search for a great tasting pizza that's affordable for students, the following pizzas are ranked from the best to the biggest disappointment:

Armand's (331-9500)

What a delight. The tasters' favorite pizza was delivered fast and hot in only 25 minutes. Mixed into the cheese is tasty oregano, and the sauce is blended with a variety of other spices. From the service to the great taste, Armand's is a great choice.

Expect to pay \$9.30 plus tip for a 16-inch pie, but rest assured it is well worth it. Armand's also offers 12- and 14-inch deep-dish pizzas.

Bertucci's (296-2600)

Bertucci's makes pizza the old fashion way, in a brick oven. While making the sauce, the restaurant combines plenty of this tangy blend with slices of tomato in every bite. The sauce is spread on top of a crisp, bubbly crust that is baked to a golden brown. Parmesan cheese is generously sprinkled on top to give the pizza a special flavor.

Interestingly enough, Bertucci's is also a good deal. A 12-inch medium cheese pizza goes for \$6.88. If you want it delivered you must have a minimum order of \$10 and live within a four-block radius of the restaurant. The tasters suggest you use carryout.

Manny and Olga's (337-1000)

The third-best pizza came from Manny and Olga's. The pizza made it to Adams Hall in about 45 minutes from Georgetown via a pleasant bicycle driver, and it was still warm.

The best thing about this pizza was the light and fluffy crust, which had a unique flavor. This pie is a favorite for cheese lovers. However, all this cheese caused the pizza to swim in grease.

At Manny and Olga's, a 12-inch medium pizza costs \$7.70 plus tip for delivery. If you like toppings,

this is the shop for you — they have a great variety. Domino's (223-1100)

Domino's could possibly be a good choice for students short on cash. Although Domino's has recently received a bad rap for slapping students using meal cards with an 18 percent surcharge, to some the convenience of paying with their meal plan is worth it.

The major drawback of Domino's is the poor service. It took Domino's close to one hour to deliver the pizza at 3 p.m. The pizza was barely lukewarm and the cheese was burnt.

A Domino's 12-inch medium pizza sells for \$6.99. But with the 18 percent surcharge the total is \$8.25 plus tip. If one opts to pay cash, the total with tax is \$7.48 plus tip.

J Street

The whole angle with getting a decent slice of pizza at J Street is timing.

A 3 p.m., J Street served old slices that had been plopped on top of a fresh pizza. The cheese was thick, cold and greasy, and the crust was soggy. To be fair, J Street pizza was hot and fresh at lunch time. At best it was made with average ingredients and was slightly undercooked.

The fact that J Street only sells slices can be a plus or a minus. While this is the place for those who only want one serving, someone looking for the equivalent of a 12-inch medium pizza should be ready to spend some serious colonial cash. A slice of cheese pizza sells for \$1.69.

Itza Pizza

Let's wait and see on Itza Pizza, coming soon to the realm of campus delivery. This will offer another choice for students who want to pay with their meal plan and have the pizza delivered. Itza Pizza will truly be another alternative because the pizza will be different from that served in J Street.

Jonathan Pompan, chairman of the Student Association Dining Services Commission, said Itza Pizza is special because it will be primarily made and delivered by students.

Another plus for Itza Pizza is that student organizations will get a cut of the proceeds on the night they deliver. Pompan said a medium cheese pizza will sell for \$6.99.

—Taste Testers: Angelique Rewers and Maria Saliaris.

Care enough to send the very best ... to your ex

BY MEREDITH GROSSMAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

When GW alumnus Craig Coble broke up with his girlfriend last year, he did not think the relationship's end would be the beginning of a profitable business.

But since he could not find a greeting card that expressed what he was feeling, he went home and designed 30 of his own.

Coble's frustrated scribbles were the basis for a new line of greeting cards, which now appear in 17 states, including eight stores in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

The first anniversary of Coble's greeting card company, Ex's Inc., was Feb. 12. The greeting cards, as evident from the name of the company, deal with relationships gone sour.

"(Designing the cards) was the best therapy I could possibly get," said Coble, a 1982 graduate who majored in psychology. "I couldn't afford a psychologist, so I did the next best thing."

Coble began by sending

brochures to 88 card stores across the country. His initial investment was \$7,000, which he used to print 54,000 copies of nine of his card designs. He said he received nine orders from the first mailing.

While Coble, a real estate agent, had "some basic knowledge about business," he had no idea about business in the real world, "which is different than the business you read in books," Coble said.

With only a year under its belt, Ex's Inc. continues to grow. Coble expects his second series of cards to be available in stores within 60 days. He is looking for college students who are interested in working as sales representatives for the company beginning as soon as possible and continuing into the summer.

"My goal is to make this grow to a point where a larger company might buy it out and I will start Ex's calendars, coffee mugs and T-shirts or branch into other areas," he said.

Coble hopes to get his card line into the GW Bookstore soon. He thinks college students are a prime market for cards dealing with ex-

relationships.

"I think that (college students) are of the mindset that they'll feel more comfortable saying what they mean," Coble said. "The time when speaking only when something nice can be said is over."

And some of Coble's cards aren't so nice. Some read, "Haven't seen you in a while ... Let's keep it that way" and "How can someone as cute as a teddy bear ... Have the personality of a jackass."

Others have more of a self-healing message. The outside of one card reads, "Shortly after you left, I found someone who's beautiful, intelligent, caring, sensitive, warm and wonderful to be with." The inside reads: "ME!"

Coble stresses, however, that the sarcasm and humor in the cards is meant to be tongue in cheek and not offensive.

"I did not write these cards to be mean," he said. "I wanted it to be funny. I wanted it to be more of a healing process rather than widening the gulf."

Coble said the cards ease the tension

in broken relationships and help open communication channels.

"(People who have bought the cards) said it has been a very useful way to communicate to their ex," he said. "Sometimes it feels very awkward. This was a catalyst that gave them the motivation to (communicate) with their ex."

Coble thinks the nostalgic spirit surrounding Valentine's Day will have an effect on Ex's Inc. card sales. He said that despite the aura of new love in the air, people often have a need to connect with their former relationships.

"Sometimes it takes a new love to replace the hurt, so I think this is an appropriate time of year for ex's to reconnect and make an old love a very good friend," Coble said.

The blunt humor and candid sentiment expressed in the cards are what make Ex's Inc. such a unique line of greeting cards, Coble said.

"It's not bitter, and it's very direct, and it slaps you in the face, but it also makes you laugh. I think it makes both parties laugh," Coble said. "Well ... if both parties have a sense of humor."

The best thing
about you
leaving me

I'll never
have to fake
another
orgasm.

Where to buy a card for your former love

Need a card for that certain someone? Ex's Inc. greeting cards can be found at the following local stores:

- Dupont Circle: The Newsroom, Outlook, Lambda Rising (Conn. Ave.)
- Capitol Hill: Trover's Shop (Pennsylvania Ave.)
- Old Town Alexandria: More Unique
- Tenley Town: Joanne's Hallmark (Wisconsin Ave.)
- Pentagon City: Card Express
- Sister Space Cards and Books (14th and U streets, N.W.)

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3

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GW'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

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175th Anniversary Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

And They Stopped the Show, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre through March 3.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Academic Program: The Public Service Academy- College Preparatory Conference. Through March 2.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Tour of Historic Foggy Bottom, Visitor's Center, 11:30am.

Academic Program: Conference on Social Justice and the Welfare State, Marvin Center 405, 1:30-5:10pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Faculty Artist Series, Susan Bender, soprano, Western Presbyterian Church, 7:30pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Semester at Sea info table, Marvin Center third floor, 10am-1pm, Stuart Hall B03, 1pm-2pm. Info, 994-1649.

Study Abroad general info session, Stuart Hall B02, 2:30pm. Info, 994-1649.

Letters and Resumes part II, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 4-5:30pm. Info, 994-6495.

Graduate Assistant Application info session, Marvin Center 415, 4:30pm. Info, Karin Jones, 994-8273.

South India Term Abroad applications due, Stuart Hall 204, 5pm. Info, 994-1649.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Marketing Yourself, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 5:30-7pm. Info, 994-6495.

United Jewish Appeal Campus Campaign, Visitor's Center, 6-10pm. Info, Stacey Anne Shubitz, 676-2440.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars meeting, Marvin Center 413, 7pm. Info, Matt Zierler, 994-9542.

African Contributions to Western Culture by Anthony Browder, Marvin Center 402, 7:30pm. Info, 994-9703.

The Evolution and Effects of Black Music, Marvin Center 415, 8pm. Info, Autumn, 994-9436.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Program Board, Marvin Center Governing Board, and Student Association elections, 9am-8pm at 6 campus locations. Info, Andy Hamilton, 994-3079.

Study Abroad general info session, Stuart Hall B02, 10:30am. Info, 994-1649.

Lessons of the Gulf War by George Raach, Marvin Center 402, 12:20-2:30pm, pizza and drinks provided. Info, 994-7050.

Researching organizations, Career Center, Academic Center T-509, 2-3pm. Info, 994-6495.

Summer Internship in Europe info session, Stuart Hall B02, 4-5pm. Info, 994-1649.

GW Academic Success Series: score higher on tests, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 4:10-5:30pm. Info, 994-6550.

Arms Control Answers to Global Challenges by John Hollum, Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Hillel Auditorium, 5pm. Info, 994-6240.

Employer info session: Americorps, Marvin Center 404, 5-6:30pm. Info, 994-6495.

AMSA medical student panel, Marvin Center 405, 6pm. Info, AMSA, 994-4671.

Class of 1996 meeting Marvin Center 404, 8pm. Info, Chava Sladek, 994-6710.

Wooden Teeth meeting, Marvin Center 415, 8pm. Info, Beth, 994-7288.

How to finance grad school in the health professions field, Marvin Center 5B, 8:30pm. Info, Sato Miyake, 994-7102.

Queer authors discussion group with guest speaker, Marvin Center 402, 8:30pm. Info, 994-7284 or lgba@gwis2.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Program Board, Marvin Center Governing Board, and Student Association elections, 9am-8pm at 6 campus locations. Info, Andy Hamilton, 994-3079.

Create Community, University Counseling Center art studio (718 21st St.), 4-5pm. Info, 994-6550.

Come to Your Senses, free art-based program, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 4-5pm. Info, 994-6550.

International Coffee Hour, 2129 G St., room 101, 5-8pm.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Prime Time, Marvin Center 403, 8pm. Info, Jeremy Cook, 676-2456.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Living with Loss Support Group, University Counseling Center, 718 21st St., 9-10:30am. Info, 994-6550.

GW Study Abroad program (except ISEP) applications due, Stuart Hall 204, 5pm. Info, 994-1649.

Creative and Performing Arts Floor production of *Clouds*, Mitchell Hall Theatre, 8pm, student \$2, non-students \$3. Info, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, 347-6323.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Creative and Performing Arts Floor production of *Clouds*, Mitchell Hall Theatre, 8pm, student \$2, non-students \$3. Info, Rebecca Kirkpatrick, 347-6323.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Department of Music Faculty Artist Series: American Songs, Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Ave., 7:30pm, \$5 general, \$3 faculty, staff, & alumni, \$1 student. Info, 994-6245.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

And They Stopped the Show!, Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, Thursday, February 29 - Saturday, March 2, 8pm, Sunday, March 3, 2pm, \$8 general, \$5 student/senior. Info, 994-6178.

Nominations for the Excellence in Student Life Awards due, Friday, March 1, nomination packets available in Marvin Center 427 or 204 and Rice Hall 402. Info, Janeen, 994-6555.

Pakistani Ambassador's Lecture, Monday, March 4, Marvin Center Ballroom, 6:30pm, RSVP required. RSVP to Huma Abedin, 337-5056.

Towards the Past: the Humanities in the 21st Century, Monday, March 4, Marvin Center 409, 6-8pm. Info, Classics Club.

University Symposium with James Fallows, Wednesday, March 6, Fungler Hall 108, 8pm. Info, 994-6816.

GW Jazz festival, Sunday, March 10. Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, 7:30pm. Info, 994-6245.

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Forms due in Marvin Center 427 Wednesday at NOON for the following week.

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ELECTION '96

CDs, CRs meet candidates

Candidates pose questions at endorsement hearings

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The two largest political groups on campus added a twist to their Student Association elections endorsement forum: the candidates each got a chance to question their opponents.

The College Democrats and the College Republicans allowed the nine candidates running for the positions of president and executive vice president to give their two-minute prepared speeches and answer four general questions posed by the groups' members.

Then each candidate was allowed 30 seconds to pose a question to one of their opponents.

EVP candidate Jared Skok questioned the validity of Shawn Stephens' seven-year record of leadership, a major plank of his campaign.

Stephens defended himself by asserting his position as speaker of the Arkansas Student Conference and his role in getting a bill sent to the President Clinton were valuable to his experience.

Jeff Carroll, another EVP candidate, then asked Skok if his plans for changing the housing lottery system would be "stepping on the toes" of the Residence Hall Association.

Skok, who has stated that he wants to make sure freshmen and sophomores have adequate housing even if that means juniors and seniors will not be able to stay on campus, said he would work with the RHA to find a suitable solution to the problem.

"Why do you want to run for executive vice president and not president?" Stephens asked Dianne Gayoski, the fourth and final candidate for the position.

Gayoski, who has served in the SA Senate for two years, said she had a list of smaller goals and tasks she wanted to accomplish, such as giving each senator his or her own project.

She then asked Stephens, who as senate parliamentarian has stressed the technical side of the EVP position, what his tangible goals were.

Stephens replied that he planned to increase communication with the students and work on financial aid issues.

The presidential candidates began on a lighter note when David Burns asked Packy Moran if he wore "boxers or briefs." When Moran responded, "boxers," Burns drawled, "Thank God."

However, Burns then followed up by asking opponent Damian McKenna if he is discontented with the SA and why he hasn't done

anything about it.

McKenna responded by saying he has done what he can in his role of Senate finance chair and that as president, he would be able to do "a lot more for the entire University."

"This summer, if you are elected, you will be on both (Colonial Inauguration) and serve as president - which one will suffer?" candidate Margaret Burke questioned McKenna.

McKenna said as part of CI, he will get the opportunity to meet most of the incoming students. He added that last summer he balanced a summer internship with working in the SA and was confident he would be able to devote the same time commitment this summer.

Elizabeth Alexander asked Burns what research he has completed to avoid making the same mistakes that were made by past administrations.

Burns responded by saying he has talked to several students who said they were unhappy with student government and will continue to communicate if elected.

McKenna and Moran both opted to pass on asking a question.

Alexander received both the CDs' and the CRs' endorsements for president. The CDs chose to support Carroll for EVP, while the CRs picked Stephens.

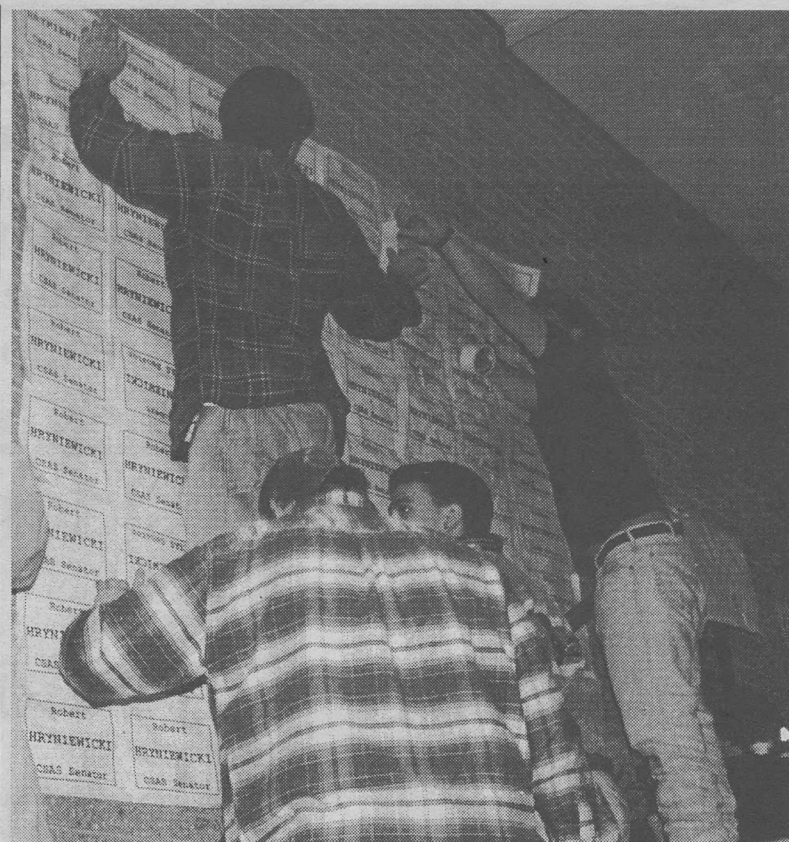


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Candidates braved winds and rain Friday to kick off the postering portion of the '96 campus elections. Candidates and their supporters staked out positions all day to ensure good location for their posters at 5 p.m. when the JEC officially allowed them to hang their monikers. Some supporters arrived as early as 9 a.m. to hold spaces near the Marvin Center, Academic Center, the University Yard and Fungler Hall.

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Senate candidates woo voters at forum

BY LEE RUMBARGER
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

When an attempt to bring the candidates to the student body, the Joint Elections Committee forum Wednesday night gave the floor to would-be senators to offer their platforms and visions for the future of the Student Association.

Four candidates running for the two senator at-large seats spoke, but one — Andy Norin — has since been disqualified.

Junior Shana Greatman pointed to her tenure as president of the Residence Hall Association as a unique experience. She has had the opportunity to work with both administrators and broad groups of students.

The best way to improve turnout at student events is to improve programming, she said. Greatman said she hopes to extend the Student Leadership Conference, which she helped organize this year, as a way to get student groups talking.

Ben Oxley, also a junior, stressed the need for a "friendlier" SA office. He suggested holding a test drive during reading days and taking initiative on recycling and environmental issues, pointing to the posters and materials he has used in his own campaign — "recycled and reused," Oxley said.

"The SA does good things and has good people, but the office can be a little intimidating. It shouldn't be like going into another administrator's office," Oxley said.

Junior David Petron said the SA does "quality things — but there is

always room for improvement." As co-director of the book exchange, Petron said he has personally worked for that quality. He also said he would "look for ways to facilitate bringing student groups together."

The five candidates for Elliott School of International Affairs undergraduate senator also took center stage at the forum.

Sophomore Minal Amin said voters should remember advocacy of "interaction" between students and administrators, "involvement" in programs and events, "initiative," "information" dissemination through the Internet and GW media resources and her desire for "improvement" on campus and in the Elliott School.

Harold Bollaci, a junior, said being a senator requires "commitment, experience and energy." He said communication is key and if necessary, he would personally print and hand-deliver newsletters to Elliott School students. The Elliott School offers many choices, Bollaci said, but poor advising keeps students from "knowing what to do with them." He would work for a "specific academic advisor for freshmen," he said.

Junior Jason Miller asked, "Couldn't the SA be doing more for you?" Students need to understand what the SA does because the organization has the power to put weight behind student concerns and ideas, Miller said. He said he would write a monthly newsletter and hold office hours.

"If (academic) requirements are too demanding, changes have to be

(See SENATE, p. 17)

The Muslim Student Association of GWU
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Dianne Gayoski for SA EVP
Rania Swadek for MCGB

Rusty Stahl and Jonathan Pompan for MCGB
For ESIA Senators: Jason Miller
Minal Amin
For CSAS Senator: Shane Morris

ELECTION '96

CSAS candidates sound off

Prospective senators offer platforms to meager crowd

BY MATT STUMPF
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The 15 candidates for undergraduate senator for the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences discussed their platforms and answered questions last Tuesday night, but few students attended to meet their candidates.

Sophomore Martin Baker said the Student Association should be an "ear piece to the students." He said he sees "a lot of untapped resources" at GW.

Lance Rothenberg, a junior and the only incumbent senator running again, emphasized his experience. "Now I think I know how the SA works," he said, adding that the SA's goal should be to "get students out," since "apathy is very great on this campus."

Freshman Jeff Baxter said the SA should become a "liaison," advocating the part of students facing difficulties with the administration, and planning "indirect action" for the SA in helping to resolve some of these issues.

Jason Delp, a sophomore, advocated change in GW's telephone service, specifically citing the nine cent cost for local calls and the inability of students to choose alternatives to the AT&T service. In addition, he said he wants to review GW food services.

Sophomore Terry Goddard pushed two points: "building the GW community" by giving students "a stake" in campus and community activities, and advocating "fiscal responsiveness" on the part of the administration.

Michael Henson, a sophomore, said he would attempt to "get people involved." He also wants to foster "better communication" between various campus groups.

Junior G. Michael Hoover also will try to get the entire GW community involved, he said, by improving the roles of the five things that make a University —

"students, faculty, administration, fun and food."

Robert Hryniewicki, a freshman, said he will attempt to voice GW concerns on the issues of "tuition," "campus safety" and "furthering relations with Foggy Bottom." He asserted that campus safety has been so successful to date that it is important not to neglect it now.

Sophomore Seth Jackson promoted motivation. "What matters is that a candidate is excited and willing to work," he said.

Hal Kanefsky, a junior, wants an SA "based around the student," specifically pushing fairs to involve the student community with various activities. "We need better recruiting for student activities," he said.

Freshman Shane Morris continued. "This is an election about making a good school better," he said. He also said he will attempt to foster "underdeveloped resources," including WRGW, WRTV and Gelman Library.

Carrie Potter, a freshman, emphasized "experience, youth and integrity." She said that freshman advising should be increased and that GW's food service "must be more stable."

Sophomore Nelle Rohlich did not offer any specific proposals, noting that "the most important role of the SA is to get people involved." She said her duty is not to offer a specific platform but to "do for others" and involve herself in aiding students' interests rather than forming them.

Sophomore Ivan Urlaub presented himself as the "academic candidate," seeing his job as senator in "conveying views and ideas to the administration."

Mark Wellman, a sophomore, finished the evening, outlining his "unique perspective" in student government compared to Ohio State University, one of the largest universities in the country. He is running on a platform that includes a monthly newsletter and "town meetings."

—Michelle Von Euw contributed to this report.

Senate hopefuls find tight races for SA

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made," junior Peter Kim said. Kim said he would frequently meet with ESIA Dean Harry Harding and other administrators to be a voice for student issues.

Sophomore Twinckle Vaidya, the only incumbent running for one of two available seats, also said communication between administrators and students is "vital." She suggested the Elliott School should offer optional language proficiency exams to be noted on students' transcripts. "This would improve the value of all of our degrees."

The three School of Business and Public Management candidates also presented their campaigns.

Sophomore Emily Passeri said, "I think business. I live business." She said she is not "too much aware of what a senator does." But, differ-

ent from those who just criticize the SA, Passeri said she "doesn't want to knock something down until she tries to change it."

Junior Josh Savage said he would keep regular office hours and suggested a school-wide program to require professors to bring in outside speakers. This way, he said, "students would be able to see the importance of the class in the business world."

Sophomore Leonard Semon said he wants to upgrade computer information systems so that upcoming events could be checked "right when you log on." He said there is a "difference between posting a meeting and making someone feel welcome." Semon also advocated improved advising, an emphasis on school spirit and an increased sense of community in the District.

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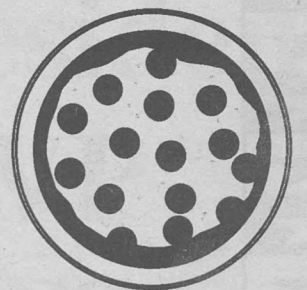


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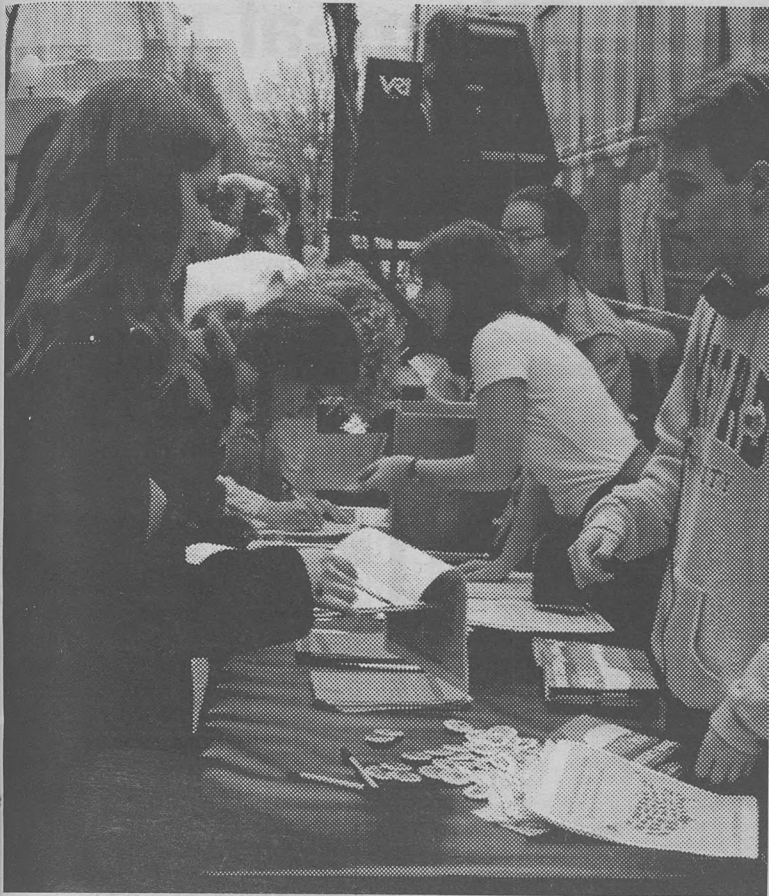


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Newly registered voters rocked the vote Friday when MTV's 'Choose or Lose' bus made an appearance outside the Marvin Center. More than 250 new voters were registered.

MTV's 'Choose or Lose' rocks GW

250 voters registered by volunteers

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

MTV brought its brand of in-your-face coverage of the 1996 presidential campaign to GW Friday aboard its Choose or Lose bus.

The bus is traveling across the country throughout the election season to cover the campaign and register young voters. With help from volunteers from GW's College Democrats, College Republicans, Program Board and Student Association, Choose or Lose registered 250 new voters, according to sophomore Doug Miner, political affairs chair for the College Democrats.

MTV initiated its Choose or Lose campaign in 1992. The intent of the on- and off-air campaign is to educate young viewers about the American political system and the presidential campaign. The tour bus is a new addition for the campaign this year.

Choose or Lose and Rock the Vote, an organization founded in 1990 by members of the recording industry to influence young people to vote, together registered more than 75,000 new voters in 1992.

Freshman Roslyn Apfelbaum, treasurer of the College Democrats, explained the registration procedure. With the help of MTV and the League of Women Voters' state-by-state guide to voter registration procedures, new voters complete the application with their permanent address and then people with Choose or Lose submit it their home state, she said.

Tony Sayegh, chairman of the College Republicans, helped with

the registration campaign. He said MTV is usually thought of as having a more liberal following. He said he felt Choose or Lose has been successful in moving toward neutrality by starting off the political coverage by interviewing Bob Dole in New Hampshire.

"Political awareness should be the No. 1 priority on this campus," Sayegh said. He emphasized the importance of all GW's political student groups working together toward this goal.

Dave Anderson, tour manager for the Choose or Lose bus, said he has not detected any one pervading political attitude in the bus' travels. He said young people in general are concerned with paying for their education, getting a job after they graduate and the debts they incur while in school.

He said while he has seen that "young people are very disillusioned with politics, they're still looking for reasons to get involved."

Freshman biology major John Wong registered for the first time at the drive. He said he wants to vote because he heard Republicans want to cut student aid.

Junior marketing major Melissa Herschopf said she's already registered to vote and that it's a good idea for MTV to get others to do the same. She added that she hoped newly registered voters would stay politically active and were not registering "just because it's the cool thing to do."

Anderson said the bus has already been to places such as New Hampshire, Connecticut and Iowa. After its stop in D.C., the bus is headed to South Dakota to cover the primary there this week.

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Changes await GW meal plans

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Reynolds said the SA does not feel the University is providing students the best option for meal plans. He added that the SA is working hard to maintain students' meal plan flexibility in the food service contract discussions.

Meanwhile, Pompan added that the SA Dining Service Commission

and the Institute for the Environment - or Green University Programs - are also working to provide refillable mugs next year.

Assistant Director of the Institute for the Environment Polly Berman said the Green University program is supportive in the efforts to bring back refillable mugs. Berman said that "if

more students and faculty use the mugs, it will have a better impact on the environment."

Berman added that the Institute for the Environment and the DSC submitted their proposal to the University administration for approval.

She said many local restaurants have expressed interest in offering discounts to student who use mugs at their establishments and in providing funding for the program. Restaurants that expressed interest include Milo's, Lindy's, La Prima, Capitol Grounds, World Gourmet Coffee and Soho Cafe.

Berman added that the SA, local restaurants and the Institute for the Environment have agreed to provide funding to initiate the refillable mug program. Berman said that if the program was approved, mugs would be available at approximately \$1.99 to \$2.99. She said that money made from the sales would be used to maintain and promote the program.

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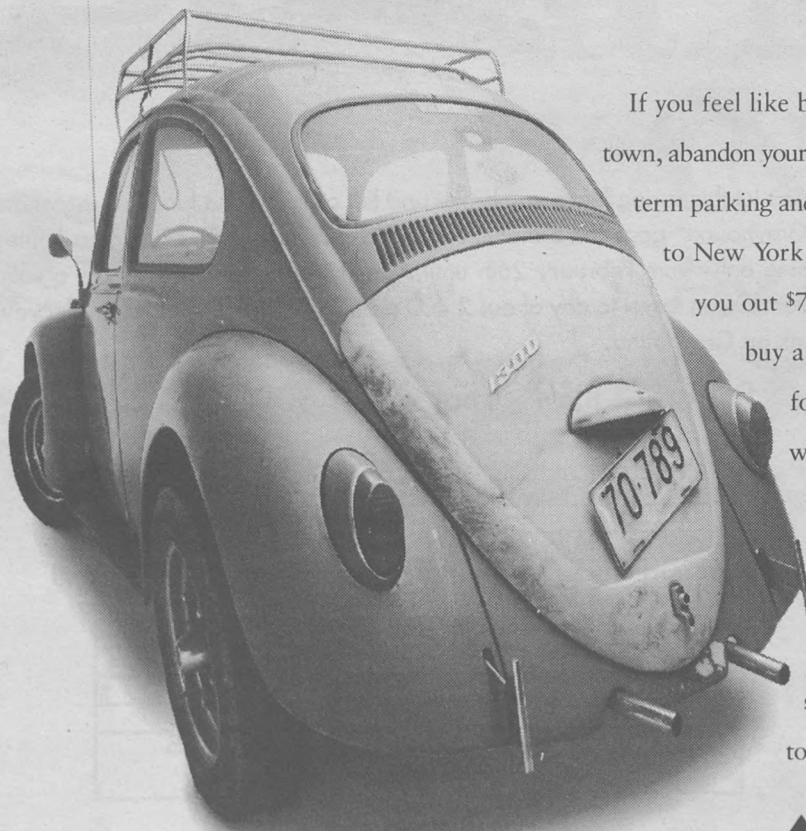
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Engineers make the grade with flying eggs

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senior Francesco de Leo, president of American Society of Mechanical Engineers which co-sponsored the event.

Students have competed annually for almost 20 years. This year, 26 students designed containers. A prize of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second and \$50 for third gave students incentive to create a design. Winners received their prizes at the Engineers' Ball Friday.

Also Friday at noon, the American Society of Civil Engineers sponsored the Popsicle Stick Bridge Contest. Students made bridges from 120 popsicle sticks and Elmer's Glue. "Your bridge has to be 25 inches long, plus or minus an inch, and weigh about 200 grams," said Matthew Koff, a junior at GW and a member of ASCE. "Anything else is free game." The goal of the competition was to build the strongest bridge.

Students met in the Academic Center breezeway to compete. The first place prize for the bridge competition was \$100, second place was \$50 and third was \$25.

Among spectators Friday were high school students from the St. Alban's School. Eight members of the all-boys school's engineering team and one girl from the National Cathedral School watched and even participated in the contests.

John Ferguson, a student at the St. Alban's School, designed an egg container to compete against GW students. "All high school kids can participate," Ferguson said. "Mine is a more primitive design (in comparison to those of GW students), but it will protect the egg."

Speakers from Anderson Consulting and the CIA came to speak at GW for Engineers' Week. Also, Saturday at noon students competed in the Concrete Frisbee Contest. Frisbees constructed of concrete were judged on graphic design and materials, workmanship, how far they flew and their condition after landing.

Engineers' Week was sponsored by the GW School of Engineering and Applied Science.

SPORTS

Win streak ends as URI topples Colonial Women

BY MATT BONESTEEL
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For about 14 hours over the weekend, the 26th-ranked Colonial Women were the hottest team in the nation.

GW's 15-game winning streak became the longest in Division I when No. 6 Texas Tech, which previously had the longest streak, lost to the University of Texas Saturday night.

At noon Sunday, the Colonial Women tipped off against Rhode Island in what was the game of the year in the Atlantic 10. Both teams recently sealed the regular season

championships in their respective divisions. The Lady Rams were carrying a five-game winning streak of their own and were riding an emotional high after a tear-laden tribute to their seniors before the game.

Two hours after tip-off, the GW streak was over as Rhode Island won 74-70 in a game that truly lived up to its billing. It is the first time GW lost since Jan. 4, when Xavier defeated the team 77-70.

The Colonial Women have had trouble recently at Keaney Gymnasium. Last year Rhode Island posted a 79-65 victory over a GW team that was bound for the "Sweet 16."

"It was the biggest game in the history of Rhode Island's program," said GW head coach Joe McKeown. "They had a lot at stake with the NCAA Tournament coming up, and they played their best game of the year."

Center Tajama Abraham again led the Colonial Women with a game-high 22 points, seven rebounds and two blocks, but early foul trouble forced Abraham to abandon her aggressive style of defense for the entire second half.

Forward Lei Hart proved she belongs in the starting lineup by scoring a career-high 18 points, while Lisa Cermignano added 11 for the Colonial Women despite only shooting 4-11 from the field.

Freshman sensation Jaime Gray and guard Tasha King led the Lady Rams with 17 points each, with King pulling down a game-high 12 boards. Forward Marcie Byrd came off the bench to score 12, while center Erin Fuller added 11.

Both teams played well to start the game, with neither team able to establish control. GW was able to take a seven-point lead at 24-17 midway through the half as point guard Desrene Lincoln layed the ball in. But the Colonial Women got sloppy on offense and began to commit turnovers. Rhode Island tied the game at 33 by the time the half ended.

With Abraham on the bench for crucial minutes of the second half, the Lady Rams were easily able to get the ball inside. Point guard Dayna Smith was particularly effective at running the backdoor play, which foiled the Colonial Women all day long. Soon, Rhode Island had an eight-point lead against a GW team that was not used to coming back in the final minutes to win games.

The Colonial Women had a chance to come back as URI went on a five-minute long scoreless streak

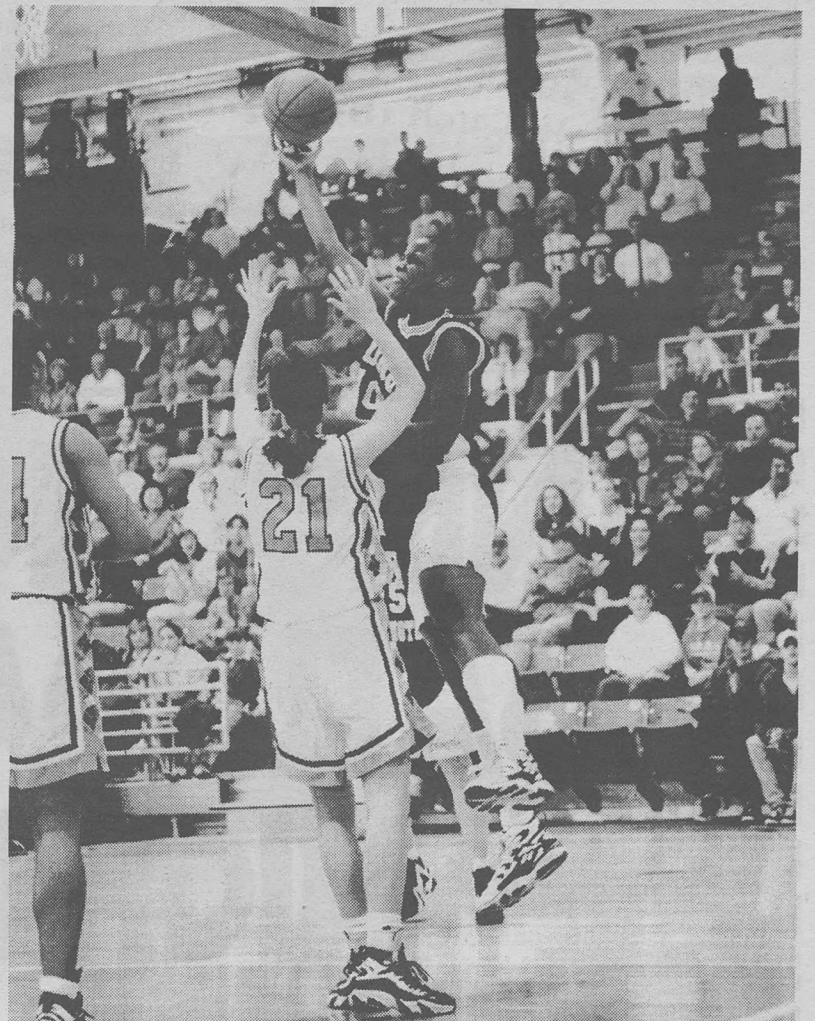


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GW center Tajama Abraham led all scorers with 22 points in Sunday's loss to Rhode Island.

midway through the half. Unfortunately for the Colonial Women, GW also went on a six-minute long drought of its own at about the same time.

McKeown attributed the loss to poor defense on the part of the Colonial Women. "We broke down defensively. We were out of position all game," he said.

The Lady Rams sealed the victory in the final minutes at the charity stripe as GW was forced to foul. They made 16-17 from the line in

the second half. "Rhode Island beat us at the foul line," McKeown added.

McKeown said the loss would not hurt GW's postseason chances if they play well in their final games at Virginia Tech on Tuesday and in the A-10 tournament next weekend. "I think that we will respond. The loss will be a wake-up call for us," he said.

The loss drops GW to 21-6, 13-2 A-10. Rhode Island improves to 20-5, 13-2 A-10 with the victory.



photo by Tyson Trish

Co-captain Myriah Lonergan drives to the hole against Rhode Island.

Gymnasts shine at home, take match with James Madison

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW gymnastics team topped the 190-point barrier once again Sunday, beating out visiting James Madison University by a final score of 190.3 to 188.05.

It took another balanced team performance for the Colonial Women to break 190 for the fourth time this season, but sophomore Rose McLaughlin turned in the most impressive day. She competed in only two events, but made her performances count by posting the highest score on both the balance beam and uneven bars.

GW's most impressive team performance of the day came on the beam, where the Colonial Women posted a 48.125, their best score of the season. McLaughlin's score of 9.75 was the best on the day, and was the eighth-highest score ever recorded by a GW gymnast.

Senior co-captain Tricia Gissendanner posted a 9.6, her best score of the season on the beam, while freshman Meena Lackdawala broke her career-high mark with a score of 9.525.

McLaughlin shined again on the uneven bars, winning the event

with a score of 9.625. Gissendanner took third in the event with a score of 9.5. The team struggled on the bars, but finished strong to post a respectable score of 46.75.

The Colonial Women turned in another solid performance on the vault, taking the meet's top two spots and finishing with a score of 47.625. Sophomore Alexis Hrynko snagged the meet's top spot with a score of 9.725. Right behind her was sophomore Lisa Gruber, who placed second with a score of 9.7.

GW finished with a strong showing on the floor exercise. The Colonial Women took two of the meet's top three spots and finished with a score of 47.95, the team's best of the year.

Gruber led the way with a meet-high score of 9.65, the 10th best score in school history. Lackdawala took the third spot with a score of 9.6. Both Hrynko and Gissendanner posted new personal season-highs, scoring 9.575 and 9.55, respectively.

The Colonial Women travel to Raleigh, N.C., next weekend to compete in the N.C. State University Invitational Sunday. GW's next home meet is March 15, when it hosts Rutgers University.

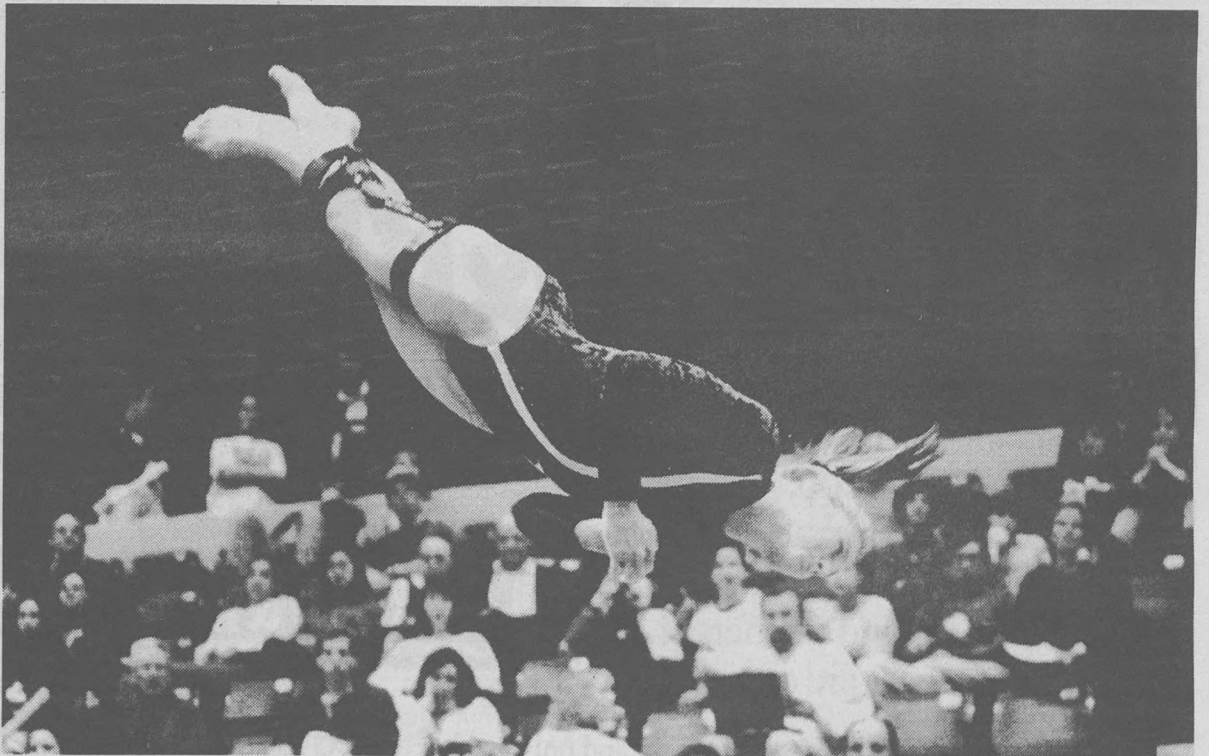
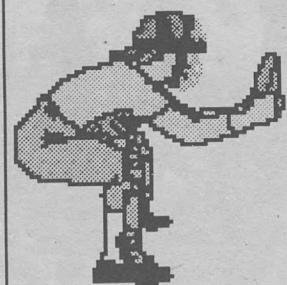


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GW gymnasts excelled in every event during their match against James Madison Sunday at the Smith Center.

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Swimmers make waves in Buffalo

Both teams finish strong at A-10 tourney

BY DAVE MANN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Three days.

The GW swimming and diving teams hoped three days of great swimming Feb. 22-24 at the Atlantic 10 Championships in Buffalo, N.Y., would make the 1995-96 season a special one.

Unfortunately for both the men and women, other teams swam faster those three days. Despite being one of the favorites entering the event, both teams returned to campus Sunday without a championship. The women finished second, while the men came home with third place.

The Colonial Women tallied a score of 557 in placing second, which was more than 180 points behind champion St. Bonaventure. Massachusetts finished third, 70 points behind GW.

The men were not as successful, topping Fordham for third place by a slim five points with a total of 476.5. UMass took home the championship with a score of 620.5, while La Salle came in second with 567.5.

The Colonials did not bring back a championship, but GW did have its share of highlights, winning both the men's and women's 1,650-yard freestyle events.

Junior All-American Bambi Bowman took first in the women's 1,650 with a time of 16:56.24. Junior Chad Senior took first on the men's side winning in a time of 15:41.82, with teammate Carl Ellefson coming in second and place 16 seconds behind him.

Other highlights included sophomore Glendon Flint winning the 200-yard breaststroke in a time of 2:04.39. Brendt Garlick placed second in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:52.16 and senior Armando Serrano took third in the 200-yard butterfly in 1:52.48.

Three days of great swimming in Buffalo could have made this a championship season for the swimming and diving teams. However, three days of good swimming does not take away from the excellent season put together by the men's and women's teams for first-year head coach Mark Hagen.

GW baseball rocked by North Carolina State

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HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The Colonial baseball team received another thrashing this weekend at the hands of a top 25 team.

The North Carolina State University Wolfpack swept GW over the course of a three-game series at Doak Field in Raleigh, N.C., outscoring the Colonials 41-3.

"We're just not a very good baseball team right now," head coach Jay Murphy said. "We're not ready to play."

The Colonials' record this season now stands at 0-6, but each of their losses have come against top-ranked teams. Last weekend, GW dropped three to the University of Miami, which was ranked 16th by Baseball America. The Wolfpack, who are 9-0, were 22nd in the nation as of last Sunday night.

Offensively, the Colonials were only able to generate 11 hits during the entire weekend. Friday, four Wolfpack pitchers combined to throw a two-hitter on their way to an 11-0 victory.

GW senior Brian Guiliana and junior Dwayne Crawley both singled in the fifth inning against left-hander Corey Lee, who struck out eight Colonials in five innings. Lee, who has already pitched 17 innings this season, has yet to give up an earned run.

Senior Dennis Healy, who began the season against Miami with five strong innings, was hurt by poor defensive play behind him. Over the course of three innings, Healy

gave up eight runs, only two of which were earned.

Healy, the Colonials' top pitcher is now 0-1 on the year.

Saturday, GW kept the game close for the first six innings. The Wolfpack led the Colonials 3-0 until sophomore Troy Allen's home run in the fourth inning. An inning later, Guiliana tied the game with a two-out, RBI single.

N.C. State jumped back in the lead quickly, scoring two runs in the sixth and another two runs in the seventh. In the eighth, the Wolfpack broke the game open with six more runs. The final score was 13-3.

Sunday, the Colonials recorded their third loss of the weekend after taking a 17-0 beating. Three Wolfpack batters slammed home runs off Colonials' pitching, including Chris Combs, who missed hitting for the cycle by a double.

Four Colonials pitchers combined to give up 12 hits and 17 runs during Sunday's debacle. Offensively, GW was cold, managing to collect a mere three hits over nine innings.

Only eight batters in the GW lineup had at least one hit during the three-game series, in which the Colonials were out-hit 42-11.

"We all know what we need to do now," Murphy said. He added that he is looking forward to Tuesday's matchup against Georgetown.

The Colonials return to the District for a road game against cross-town rival Georgetown University Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Colonials hand UMass first loss

Calipari ejected as Colonials continue Jarvis tradition of dominating No. 1 opponent

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losses. The win was GW's third win over UMass in the past two years and the second in Amherst. The Colonials are also the only team to ever beat the

"George Washington beat our brains in."

-UMass head coach John Calipari, who was ejected in the first half.

The game featured a matchup between the two best centers in the Atlantic 10. The showdown between UMass' Marcus Camby, expected to be the first player selected in next year's NBA draft, and GW's Alexander Koul, last year's A-10 rookie of the year, did not disappoint.

Camby, who has averaged 21.6 points per game and outdueled Wake Forest's star center Tim Duncan in a UMass victory two months ago, had his first shot blocked by Koul. Although Camby forced the ball in on a second effort, Koul's early domination of the inside game set the tone for the rest of the day. GW outscored UMass 44-36 in the paint.

Koul finished with 14 points, six rebounds and two blocks before fouling out with 3:31 remaining in the game. Camby finished with 18 points, eight rebounds and one block, but shot only 8-21 from the field. Although Camby finished first statistically, Koul was able to prevent the monster of the inside

game from dominating the boards the way he has in most of the Minutemen's 26 wins.

"They have our number for sure," Camby said. "He just had his way with me."

The Colonials roared out to a 16-5 lead on inside penetration by senior forward Vaughn Jones, who led the Colonials with 21 points, six rebounds and three steals. J.J. Brade finished second on the team with 16 points. Brade shot a perfect 7-7 from the field, while Jones ran a clinic at the free throw line, shooting 13-16 from the charity stripe.

From that point, UMass' attempts to narrow the lead were fruitless. Nothing seemed to jumpstart the cold-shooting Minuteman offense that had terrorized the A-10 all season. The Colonials led by as many as 18 in the first half and took a 47-30 halftime lead into the locker room. GW's early lead did not seem to phase the sell-out crowd of 9,493 that packed the Mullins Center, anticipating the team's 27th win.

But the Colonials managed to avoid the second half collapses that have plagued them for most of the season. Brade scored five of the first six GW points in the second half, and a resounding dunk from Koul with 16:36 left in the half gave the Colonials their biggest lead of the game, 55-32.

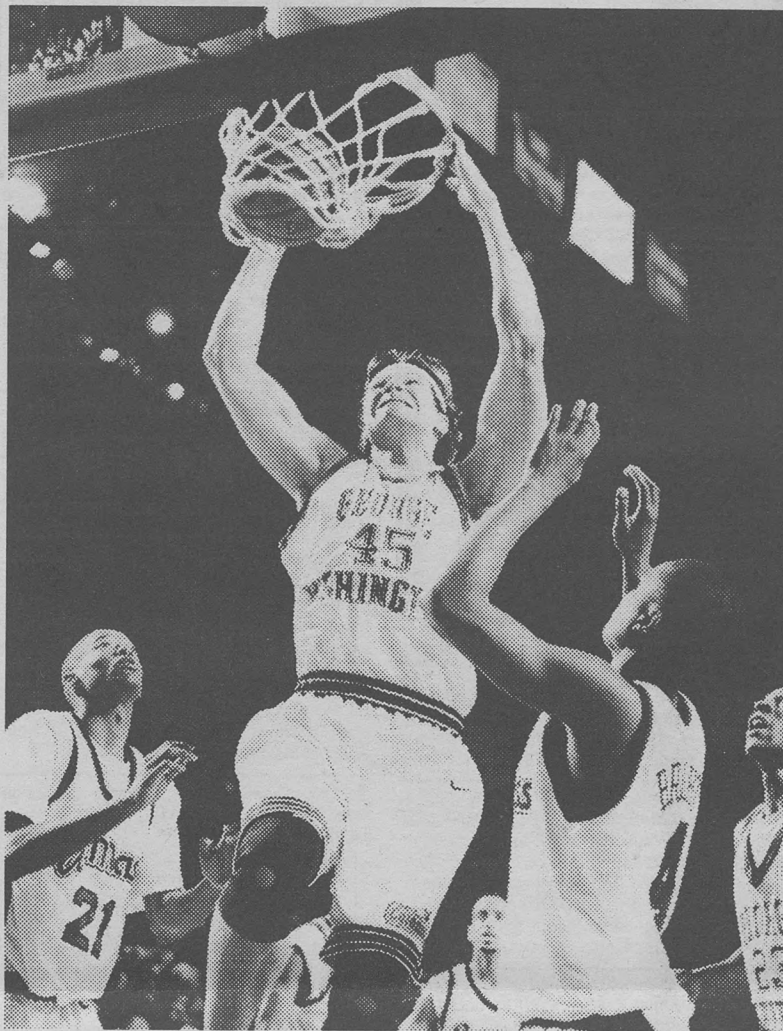


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Colonial sophomore Alexander Koul won the battle of the centers with a resounding slam over UMass' Marcus Camby (#21) and Donta Bright (#4).

GW's lead stayed in double digits until 2:36 remained in the game, when Carmelo Travieso, who led the Minutemen with 23 points, Dana Dingle and Edgar Padilla combined for nine straight points to bring UMass back into it, trailing only 73-64.

Clock management then became the strategy for GW. Travieso continued to hit threes, and Camby added several dunks, but all the Colonials' starters hit free throws when the team needed it. Shots from the foul line accounted for 12 of the Colonials' last 15 points.

GW's win was the latest in an intense rivalry that dates back to 1970, when the Colonials, coached by Carl Slone, lost to UMass 70-65. This year the Colonials earned their 26th win in the 39 times the two have played.

"We were praying they would be 26-0," Brade told The Washington Post. "We wanted to be the ones to beat them. We wanted to rock the country, prove we belong in the top 25."

The huge win put the Colonials on the front page of the college basketball world and in the national spotlight, a place they are growing more familiar with each year. Although basketball analyst Hank Goldberg called the team "a lock" for the NCAA tournament on ESPN's Sunday Sportsday, Jarvis was cautious

about his team's chances for post-season play.

Appearing as a studio analyst during ABC's college basketball coverage Sunday, Jarvis said, "Everybody's on the bubble right now. My advice to everybody is to just keep winning." Temple's win over Virginia Tech Sunday put the Colonials in sole possession of first

place in the A-10 west division, with only three games left in the season.

"This is the first time I've found myself rooting for Temple," joked Jarvis.

-UMass center Marcus Camby The win brought GW's record to 18-5, 11-2 in the A-10. They have now equaled

their win total of last year, when they finished 18-14, second in the A-10. UMass is still in first place in the A-10 east, with a 26-1 record overall, 14-1 in the conference.

The Colonials will try to avoid a letdown in an ESPN2-televized game against Xavier Monday in Cincinnati at 9:30 p.m. GW has its last regular season home game Thursday, when it takes on Rhode Island at 7:30 p.m.

If the Colonials win those games and their season finale at St. Joseph's March 2, they will win the Atlantic 10 west and virtually guarantee themselves a position in the NCAA Tournament. Meanwhile, Virginia Tech will take on Xavier at home Feb. 29 and then travel to Dayton March 2 to close out its season.

Mark My Words

No more excuses from those pains in the ... UMass

J Street has a funny way of feeling like home when GW is on the road.

Perhaps that's why so many Colonial faithful turned out to watch the upset of Massachusetts among friends. The crowd at J Street Saturday was probably the biggest gathering in that area since MarvinDome three years ago.

For those too young to remember (including me; I've only been told by friends), the year the Colonials went to the "Sweet 16," GW converted the old Grand Marketplace into a bastion of basketball fever.

GW competed in the regional finals in the Superdome in Seattle, Wash., against the powerhouse University of Michigan (the team with the timeout problem). Students flocked to MarvinDome to watch the Colonials on national television. Even with the loss, when we talk about the program's jump to national prominence, that game may still be the highlight of the movement.

Saturday, however, was a completely different ballgame. The Colonials seem to play UMass well, no matter what the situation, whether the Minutemen are No. 1 in the nation, or if GW is winless for the season.

"They definitely have our number," UMass center Marcus Camby said after the game. No kidding — last year, he was too hurt to play against GW and this year he might as well have not shown up.

Alexander Koul handled him like he would a walk-on to the Belorussian National Team. He handed Camby his Twinkies on a silver platter. Camby may be a contender for national player of the year, but he's nothing when it comes to international competition.

It always seems that Massholes look for a way to justify their inability to play well against GW. Last year, they used Camby's injury as an excuse. Now they'll probably say that if John Calipari wasn't ejected midway through the first half, they would have managed to come back.

Whatever. It just brings a great sense of closure to think that six years ago, when GW went 1-27, the team's only win came against the Minutemen. Now, UMass' only loss is to GW. Irony can be pretty ironic.

And don't think for a second this campus is apathetic. Not from the sight of J Street during the game. Fans stood on tables and chairs and sang the fight song together. Total strangers hugged each other as UMass went down in flames the color of A-10 Commissioner Linda Bruno's cranberry red dress.

The camaraderie was contagious. Maybe GW should schedule UMass every week.

-Jared Sher

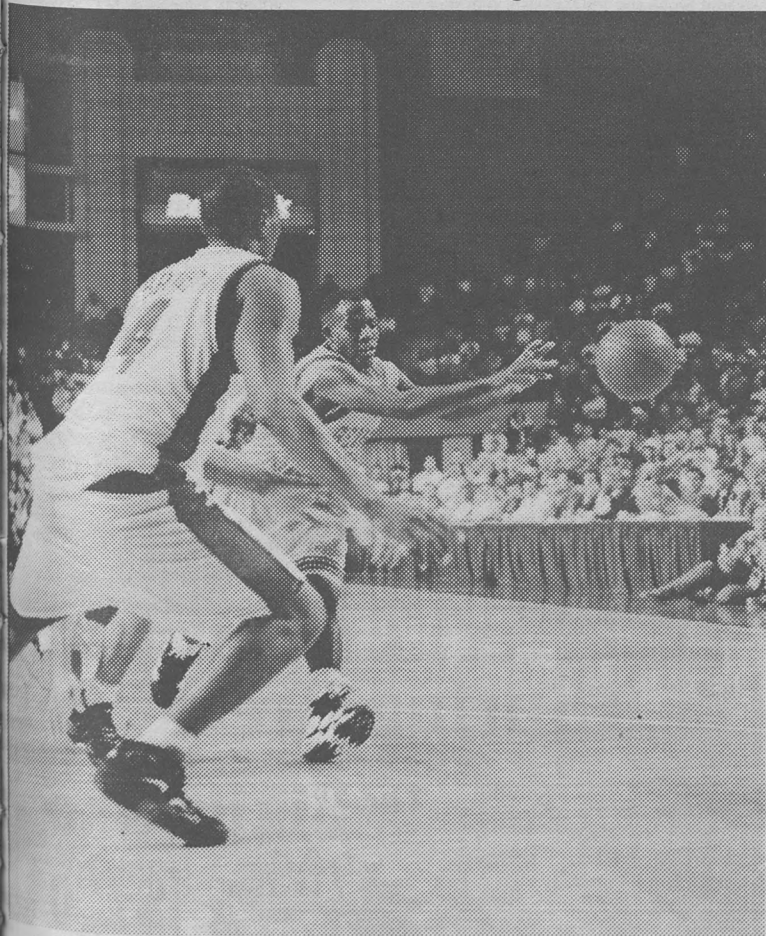


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Shawnta Rogers dishes a no-look pass around Minuteman Donta Bright.

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